



**NOTICE OF SENATE ONLINE VIDEO PUBLIC HEARING**

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIME VICTIMS, CRIME AND CORRECTIONS**  
**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19's Impact on Prisons and Jails

**PURPOSE:** To receive testimony on COVID-19's impact on prisons and Jails in New York State

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Time 10 am

Web Link:

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

There are over 11,000 people incarcerated in jails and 37,000 people in prisons in New York State. These settings pose a specific challenge for containing a potential outbreak as people are housed in group settings where it is difficult to follow social distancing guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19. This hearing will examine state and local correctional facilities' response to the epidemic in order to determine what steps New York should take to improve its emergency readiness and to better prepare for future public health crises.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible, but not later than Thursday, September 17. Interested parties can also complete the reply form if they would like to request an invitation to testify or to provide written testimony. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified of means by which to testify and/or in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

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**Chair**

**Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and  
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**Gustavo Rivera**  
**Chair**

**Committee on Health**

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Testimony will only be taken upon approval by the Committee Chairs. Individuals who have been invited to present testimony or are interested in testifying or providing written testimony are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and email a copy of planned testimony. Individuals invited to participate will be notified within 48 hours of the hearing. All replies and testimony submissions must be emailed to:

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- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 5 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I will only be providing written testimony for the above hearing.
- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
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