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Commissioner

## CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

**NO:** 5-2021

**DATE:** April 7, 2021

**TO:** SHERIFFS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, WARDENS, JAIL PHYSICIANS, and FACILITY MEDICAL DIRECTORS

**RE:** COVID-19 Vaccination Availability for Incarcerated Individuals

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The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is continuing to expand on its prioritization and allocation framework based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). As of March 30, 2021, eligibility for receiving the COVID-19 vaccination has been expanded to include all incarcerated individuals. As listed in the New York State Department of Health's recently published [Guidance for the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#), dated April 6, 2021, incarcerated individuals join correction officers, health care staff, and other local correctional facility employees on the list of eligible groups to be vaccinated.

Specific questions regarding vaccine allocation, administration and recordkeeping for the incarcerated population should be directed to the facility's local health department. Eligible jail staff may utilize the "Am I Eligible" app to help connect them with administration centers and schedule appointments. To access the app for the latest information concerning the vaccine and its administration, jail staff should visit: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

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Allen Riley, Chairman