

**NYC Department of Correction
 Monthly Reducing Population in Punitive Segregation Report
 February 2022 Report (January 2022 Updates)**

The Department shall submit to the Board, on a monthly basis and in writing, a public progress report for the previous month, which shall include the Department’s progress toward achieving:

- a) *Progress in reducing the PSEG population (i.e., PSEG I/Central Punitive Segregation Unit (CPSU), PSEG II, Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU));*

Monthly PSEG ADP					
	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
PSEG (PS I, PS II, RHU)	87.2	98.3	89.6	81.7	97.0

	December 2021	January 2022
PSEG (PS I, PS II, RHU)	71.4	12.1

- b) *Progress in reducing the population housed in other restrictive housing units, including Enhanced Supervision Housing (ESH) and Secure;*

Monthly ESH and Secure Unit ADP					
	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021
ESH	122.4	135.9	147.1	114.1	113.0
Secure Unit	15.0	12.5	13.3	12.4	16.1

	December 2021	January 2022
ESH	132.2	154.4
Secure Unit	13.8	13.0

- c) *Construction, opening, and use of new RMAS housing units, including when plans are submitted to and approved by SCOC and explanations for unanticipated delays;*

The Department is considering additional options for RMAS housing unit locations that may improve the conditions of the units and will ensure any related construction needs are submitted to the SCOC and BOC, as required. The Department looks forward to updating the Board on these plans as they continue to develop.

- d) *Development of Department policies governing the operation of RMAS disaggregated by the stage of their development, as follows:*
- i. Commenced drafting;
 - ii. Signed by DOC and posted on DOC’s public website;
 - iii. Integrated into training of DOC staff.

Per the previous report, all draft policies were shared with the Board. Any future changes to relevant policies will additionally be shared with the Board.

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- e) Implementation of training on RMAS, including:*
- i. Status of curriculum development;
 - ii. Number of staff scheduled to be trained disaggregated by uniform and non-uniform status;
 - iii. Number of staff who have been trained, disaggregated by uniform and non-uniform status.

Per the previous report, the Department finalized RMAS training materials and the full training curricula was shared with the Board. To date, the Department trained 81 uniform and 22 non-uniform staff. An additional 7 uniform and 7 non-uniform staff have completed partial training. Additional staff will be scheduled for training as the Department works to finalize its implementation plan.

- f) Implementation of programming in RMAS.*

RMAS programming will be individualized and geared to address the root causes of violent behavior. The Department acknowledges the critical function of programming and meaningful engagement in maintaining safe and secure facilities. The Department is currently in the process of hiring and onboarding additional program counselors and support staff who will receive the RMAS training alongside uniform staff. The Department completed the drafting of a programming plan and sample daily engagement schedules for individuals in RMAS Levels 1 and 2. These plans are subject to change as implementation develops and were provided in the Department's Comprehensive Transition Plan submitted to the Board on August 9, 2021 as required by §6-26(b).

- g) The provision of services such as recreation, visits, and privileges in the general population which exceed the requirements of the Minimum Standards outlined in Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Rules of the City of New York;*

All services in general population adhere to the requirements of Board Minimum Standards with alterations in accordance with public health guidance related to COVID-19. The Department continues to provide free telephone calls in excess of the Board Minimum Standards, as well as free weekly postage. The Department additionally operates commissary for individuals in custody. Video visits are additionally provided.

- h) Any deviations from the detailed timelines and benchmarks set forth in the plan required by 40 RCNY § 6-26(b);*

The Department remains committed to implementing RMAS and the entirety of the Board's rule in a detailed manner compliant with both the various constituent rule requirements and the broader spirit of the reforms. The Department firmly supports this work and continues to make substantial progress preparing for full RMAS implementation. As noted in this report and as previously communicated with the Board, the Department's current staffing emergency delayed the timely training of uniform and non-uniform staff for RMAS implementation. The Department continues to make progress implementing various other aspects of the Board's recent rulemaking, including as it pertains to de-escalation. The Department will continue to provide any updates to the implementation plan in real time and will continue to provide public updates on this progress via monthly public reporting and at monthly public Board meetings.

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- i) Any other information the Department or the Board deems relevant to understanding progress toward the elimination of punitive segregation and implementation of the RMAS model.*

Please refer to previous reports for additional background. The Department is currently revisiting plans for RMAS implementation in order to ensure an approach that aligns with the spirit of the Board's rule. The Department will continue to provide regular updates on rulemaking implementation through monthly reporting and at monthly Board meetings, as well as through newly established biweekly briefings. The Department looks forward to continuing the important task of implementing the Board's rule in a meaningful and impactful manner, and thanks the Board for its partnership in this important work.