

## Getting back to normal jail operations: Factors to consider in decision-making

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### 1. Vaccination level

- staff (carries more weight in the decision than resident level)
- residents

### 2. Infection level

- in the community
- in the jail
  - big? recent? fixed?

### 3. Reopening phase of the community

This takes into account the community infection level (mentioned above), but also takes into account other community factors like deaths, hospital use, etc.

### 4. Jail characteristics

#### Operational factors

- how well jail is following preventive measures (social distancing, hand hygiene, proper masking, surface disinfecting)
- quality of intake process (smaller cohort – optimally single person; longer intake quarantine – optimally at least 14 days; frequent testing if cohorting)

#### Structural factors

- single rooming vs. dorm
- quality/effectiveness of ventilation (MERV-13 or HEPA filter? high level of Air Changes per Hour (though there are no clear guidelines, there is a thought that it should be minimum of 3 and goal of 6)

### 5. Resident demographics

- how many of unvaccinated residents have comorbid conditions

### 6. Advice of local health officer