



# PrisonPandemic

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A digital archive preserving the stories of incarcerated people, their families, and prison workers

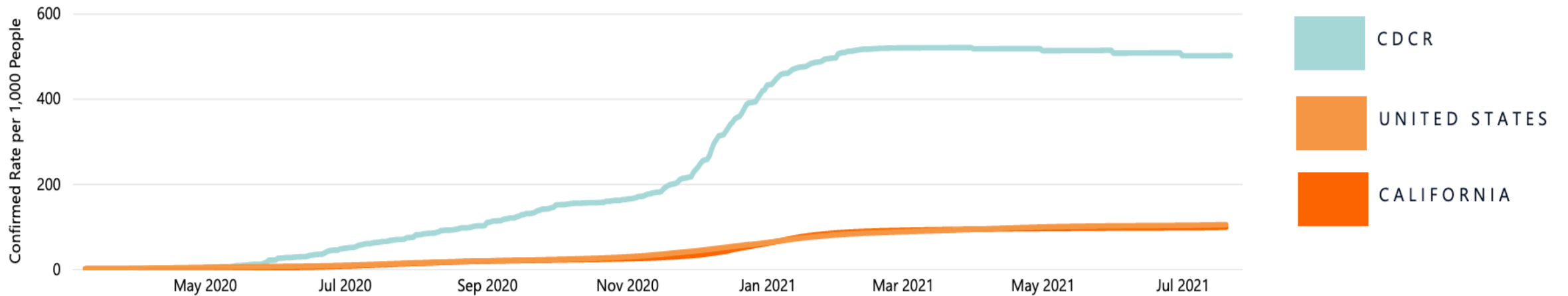
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# COVID-19 Cases in CA Prisons

<https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/population-status-tracking/>

## CONFIRMED CASES - COMPARISON

Per 1,000 People



Data Last Updated: Jul 22 2021 6:27AM

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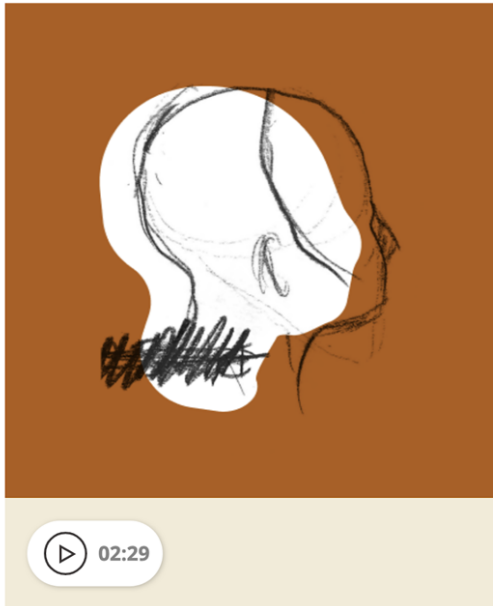
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# PrisonPandemic: Digital Archive

<https://prisonpandemic.uci.edu>

## Kids Suffering



11.06.2020 • Avenal • Segment

*This story was told by a person incarcerated at Avenal.*

UCI: And how has COVID-19 situation at your facility affected your loved ones?

Caller: It's – it's affected them really – I mean, this whole last – I haven't seen my kids and my wife for – since November of last year.

So about a year now I have not seen them. You know, my kids are suffering. You know, they want to see their dad. My mom, I've lost family members since this pandemic has started. Haven't got to see them. And, you know, it – it's rough for us, too; you know? We're on good behavior, we're trying to do whatever we can to go home to our families and we can't even see them; you know?

No virtual – like it would be nice if we could see them virtually even like, you know, on

**CALL, STATE PRISONS, HELPLESSNESS, FAMILY, FEATURED, INCARCERATED PERSON**



5-9-21

[REDACTED]

this is [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your letter about how covid-19 effected me and others. So I along with 30 odd teen people in my unit got it as well we were separated from population and put in a gym with dirty shower areas & the entire gym was dirty, we were quarantined for 10 days and I along with many others have still not been vaccinated and some of us are high risk medical and still not have gotten their shots yet. this place for all of us is nasty and I couldn't believe the stuff we had to go to. that's pretty much it for now if you have any more questions please write me [REDACTED] I got friends who will write as well ok. God Bless You!

Respectfully  
[REDACTED]

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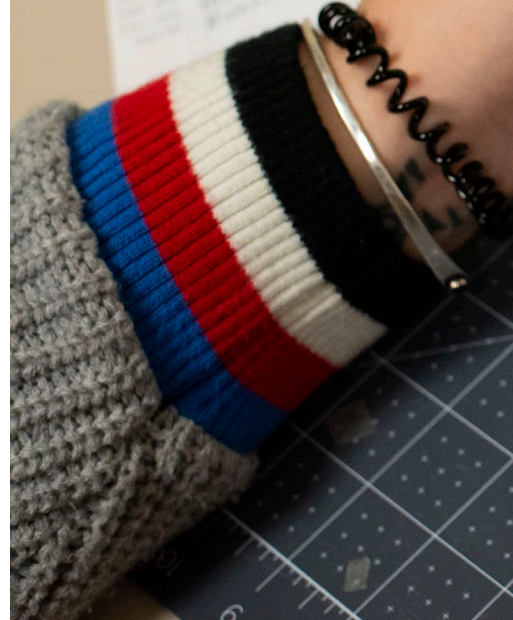
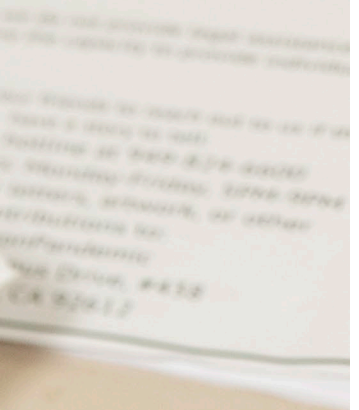
Thank You for your letter. During the year 2020, I was at San Quentin death row San Quentin State Prison 1 Main Street San Quentin CA 94964-1000. I got sent to California Medical Facility Vacaville, San Quentin at the time was sending death row inmates to other prisons across the state of California under the [REDACTED] program. I arrived in Vacaville on Nov [REDACTED] 2020.

At San Quentin I was required to wear a mask N-95 model. They test you to see if you have COVID by rubbing a cotton ball in your nose. Thank God all of my test came up negative. I never had a positive test of the virus. I believe the good lord upstairs was protecting me. Thank You God.

My friend [REDACTED] died from the virus [REDACTED] and I use to play chess on the yard #1. [REDACTED] Channel [REDACTED] news profiled [REDACTED] photograph on television. To keep social







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# Prison Pandemic


PrisonPandemic... with one person who wanted to share a story... in State Prison, in April of 2020, worried... without access to protective equipment... ways to quarantine. By September... Quentin would be... prison became, epicenter of one... state prisons... clergy - for... people were... wave-after-wave... world. Over the... built an infrastructure... to share their stories

ts of individuals incarcerated... and immigration detention... making them to share their... \$25,000 on stamps. And... from any carceral... graduate students... every weekday, ... from the fall of 2020... more than 5,000... listen, imagine the... al pandemic, and... in our state and to





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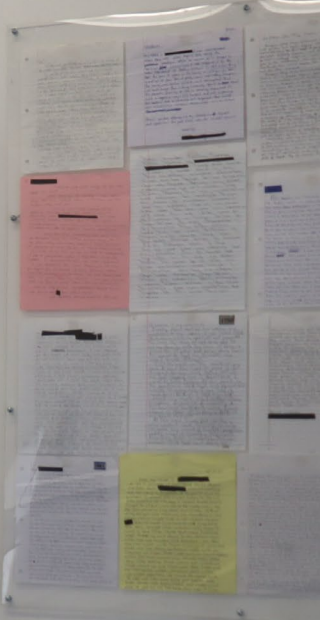
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*[Faded typed text, mostly illegible]*



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