

City of New York Board of Correction Monthly Review: Visit Restrictions

November 2017

Visit Summary

	November 2017
Total Number of Visitors	21,482
Total Number of Visits	15,609
Visits Per Inmate Per Month	1.71
Visit Days	22

I. Restrictions on Inmates

a. Inmates with Non-Contact Restrictions

		October	November
	May 2017 ¹	2017	2017
Number of People on non-contact list	237	284	297
Number of people with duration restrictions (% of all people with restrictions)	169 (71%)	195 (69%)	200 (67%)
Average length of restriction among non-duration restrictions (days)	193	196	193
Average length of restriction served among duration restrictions (days)	192	193	192
Median length of restriction served among duration restrictions (days)	138	122	137
Number of restrictions on the non-contact list which have a visit nexus (% of all non-contact restrictions)	91 (38%)	118 (42%)	128 (43%)
Number of duration restrictions on the non-contact list which have a visit nexus (% of all non-contact duration restrictions)	27 (16%)	31 (16%)	34 (17%)

¹ The Department of Correction maintains a list of all people in jail who are restricted to non-contact, or "booth", visits (the "non-contact list"). This report section presents analyses of this list on May 23, 2017 (six months back), October 23, 2017 (one month back), and November 23, 2017.

b. Reasons for Non-Contact Restrictions²

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	Contact Restrictions)		
	May	October	November
	2017	2017	2017
Dangerous Contraband (Slashing or Stabbing)	94 (40%)	103 (36%)	103 (35%)
Dangerous Contraband (Weapon)	73 (31%)	92 (32%)	96 (32%)
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	58 (24%)	76 (27%)	84 (28%)
Other (includes assault on staff, fight on visit floor, and other types	12 (5%)	13 (5%)	14 (5%)
of contraband)			

c. Reasons for Non-Contact Duration Restrictions

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	May	October	November
	2017	2017	2017
Dangerous Contraband (Slashing or Stabbing)	94 (56%)	103 (53%)	103 (52%)
Dangerous Contraband (Weapon)	73 (43%)	92 (47%)	96 (48%)
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other (includes assault on staff, fight on visit floor, and other types of contraband)	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)

d. Six-Month Reviews of Non-Contact Restrictions Having a Duration Over 6 Months³

	May 2017	October	November
		2017	2017
Number of people with non-contact restrictions who have served six	72	74	79
months or more on the non-contact list ("review eligible people")			
Number of review eligible people who received an appeal in the	64 (89 %)	69 (93 %)	75 (95 %)
previous six months (% of review eligible people)			
Number of six-month reviews received by the Board	22	28	22
Number of six-month reviews which resulted in amended restriction		1	3
Average length of restriction served among review eligible people	368	390	378
(days)			
Median length of restriction served among review eligible people	311	326	322
(days)			

² This chart includes the reasons for both determinate restrictions (e.g. 180 days) and duration restrictions. Chart I(c), below, analyzes duration restrictions as a subset of this group.

³ If an inmate has been restricted to non-contact visits for a period greater than six months, he should receive periodic review of such restriction. The review shall be conducted not less than once every six months. DOC Teletype Order No. HQ-02613-0, http://www.nyc.gov/html/doc/downloads/pdf/2007R-B_Inmate_Visit_Procedures_11_15.pdf#page=46. In November 2016, the Department began providing the Board with a copy of each six-month row conducted.

e. Inmate Non-Contact Restrictions Administered in November 2017

Reason	Duration of	New	Notices
	Restriction	Restrictions	Received
			by BOC
Dangerous Contraband (Weapon or Slashing)	duration	28	18
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	180 days	25	25
Drug/Tobacco Contraband	duration	1	1
Fight on Visit Floor	180 days	2	2
TOTAL		56	46

II. Restrictions on Visitors Administered in November 2017

Visitor Restrictions

Reason	Prescribed Limitation	Restrictions	Notices Received
Arrest	INDEFINITE	4	3
Arrest	180	3	3
Arrest	365	15	15
Arrest	484	1	1
Contraband	INDEFINITE	2	1
Contraband	180	4	4
Contraband	365	1	1
Unruly	180	3	3
Unruly	90	3	3
TOTAL		36	34

One-Day Visitor Denials

Reason	Denials
Inappropriate Attire	59
Security Reason	57
K-9 Alert	53
Failed Ion Scan	42
Other	35
Refuse to Obey D.O.C. Rules and Regulations	21
Non-Contact (Booth)	2
Disrespect Staff	1
Out to Court	1
TOTAL	271

One-Day Visitor Cancellations

Reason	Cancellations
Visitor refused to wait	87
Inmate Refused Visit	63
Lockdown	52
Inmate Fight – Pending Investigation	15
Transfer	8
Out to Court	6
Hospital/Clinic - Medical	3
Package Only	2
Already had a Visit	1
TOTAL	237

III. Restrictions on Visitors Administered in November 2017 (By Facility)

								% of Visits	
				% of				Resulting	Average
				Visits		One-Day	Visitor	in	Daily
			Visitor	Resulting	One-Day	Cancellat	Restricti	Restricti	Populati
Facility ⁴	Visits	Visitors	Arrests	in Arrest	Denials	ions	ons	ons	on (ADP)
AMKC	2472	3207	7	0.28%	30	10	7	0.28%	2,031
BHPW	65	100	0	0.00%	0	1	0	0.00%	47
BKHD	1483	2004	4	0.27%	7	4	4	0.27%	609
EHPW	12	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%	5
EMTC	1575	2178	1	0.06%	23	7	2	0.13%	1,238
GMDC	1323	1971	2	0.15%	29	23	1	0.08%	623
GRVC	1377	1828	3	0.22%	22	42	2	0.15%	683
MDC	1772	2558	7	0.40%	53	89	9	0.51%	698
NIC	247	336	0	0.00%	2	2	0	0.00%	248
OBCC	1897	2607	4	0.21%	28	29	5	0.26%	988
RMSC	902	1118	0	0.00%	27	9	0	0.00%	584
RNDC	750	1075	0	0.00%	34	7	3	0.40%	702
VCBC	1671	2412	2	0.12%	11	14	3	0.18%	636
WEST	63	72	0	0.00%	1	0	0	0.00%	44
TOTAL	15,609	21,482	30	0.19%	267	237	36	0.23%	9,136

⁴ Information on DOC facilities is available at https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doc/about/facilities.page

IV. BOC Visit Appeals and Complaints Received in November 2017 (By Facility)

a. Visit Restriction Appeals Received by BOC

			Avg. Business Days to
Category	Decision	Appeals	Resolve ⁵
Assault of Staff	Denied	1	21
Assault of Inmate	Granted	2	14
Assault of Visitor	Denied	1	16
Contraband - Drug	Denied	3	21.3
Contraband - Drug	Granted	1	32
Contraband - Weapon	Denied	3	25
Contraband - Weapon	Granted	3	16.3
Contraband - Unknown	Granted	1	22
Contraband - Other	Penalty Modified	1	1
Disrespect/Aggression	Denied	6	13.5
Disrespect/Aggression	Pending	1	
Slashing/Stabbing	Denied	1	21
Slashing/Stabbing	Granted	1	5
Other	Pending	1	
Other	Denied	1	12
Other	Granted	2	16
Other	Penalty Modified	2	18.5
	Denied	16	18.1
	Granted	10	16.8
	Penalty Modified	3	12.7
	Pending	2	
	TOTAL	31	17.1

⁵ BOC Minimum Standard 1-09(i) requires the Board issues a written decision within five business days after receiving an appeal. When good cause to extend the time period exists, the Board may issue a single extension not to exceed ten business days.

Facility	Visit Appeals
AMKC	8
BHPW	
BKDC	4
EHPW	
EMTC	2
GMDC	
GRVC	2
MDC	3
NIC	2
OBCC	5
RMSC	
RNDC	
SOD	
VCBC	
WEST	1
TOTAL	27

b. Visit-Related Complaints Received by BOC (Non-Appeals)⁶

Facility	Visit Complaints
AMKC	
BHPW	
BKDC	
EHPW	
EMTC	
GMDC	
GRVC	
MDC	3
NIC	
OBCC	1
RMSC	
RNDC	1
SOD	
VCBC	
WEST	
TOTAL	5

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