

# Vera Institute of Justice

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://www.vera.org/research/justice-humanity-in-a-time-of-pandemic-webinar>**

## Policy Issue Resources

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### A Plan to End Money Injustice in New Orleans

The role that money in the form of bail, fines and fees plays in criminal justice systems has come under increased focus. These practices have long plagued New Orleans, driving jail incarceration and costing struggling families most of them black millions. Two federal courts recently ruled that judges cannot lawfully impose money bail or enforce co ...

The coronavirus, or COVID-19, has been declared by the World Health Organization to be a global pandemic. As the number of people infected in the United States grows exponentially, we must focus on prevention and containment in the criminal and immigration legal systems. Vera and Community Oriented Correctional Health Services have created a series ...

This webinar explores how counties are working to release people from their jails during the COVID-19 pandemic and how they can support the people coming out of jail. County justice system representatives and community partners also discuss the mechanisms counties are using to reduce the number of people in jail in order to prevent the spread of in ...

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