



Codebook for COVID-19 Mitigation Laws at State Correctional Facilities Relating to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

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Prior to COVID-19, an estimated 65% of inmates were living with substance use disorder, while research from the National Institute on Drug Abuse indicates that only 5 percent of these inmates specifically with opioid use disorder in jail or prison settings receive medication-related treatment. With COVID-19 continuing to exacerbate the ongoing opioid crisis in the United States, this dataset examines whether state correctional facilities have explicitly established medication for opioid use disorder treatment program, and what adjustments states have made to ensure access to continued treatment during the pandemic. Further, this dataset tracks state variance among different COVID-19 mitigation measures like early release and visitation restrictions.

This dataset is cross-sectional and will display key features of mitigation laws at state correctional facilities relating to MOUD treatment across all 50 states and the District of Columbia in effect as of June 1, 2022.

There are three standard variables in every PDAPS dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION:

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE:

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the last date the policy was in effect as reflected by the legal text captured to code this policy.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THE STATISTICAL DATA PAGE:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefor leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

| Questions | |
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| Question 1: | Did state correctional facilities institute measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 1: | JC_law |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 1.1: | Has the correctional facility modified a medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) treatment policy explicitly during COVID-19? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 1.1: | JC_MOUDlaw |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 2: | Did the state correctional facility have an established MOUD treatment policy? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 2: | JC_MOUD |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 2.1: | Did the MOUD treatment policy include provisions aimed at ensuring the continuation of treatment for released populations? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 2.1: | JC_MCont |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 3: | Did the state issue an order to expedite the early release of specific populations during COVID-19? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 3: | JC_release |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 4: | Did the state restrict visitations due to COVID-19? |
| Question Type: | Binary - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 4: | JC_visit |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1 |
| Value Label: | 0 = No |
| Value Label: | 1 = Yes |
| Question 4.1: | What is the status of visitation at state correctional facilities? |

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| Question Type: | Categorical - mutually exclusive |
| Variable Name 4.1: | JC_visitrest |
| Variable Values: | 0, 1, 2 |
| Value Label: | 0 = All kinds of visitation suspended |
| Value Label: | 1 = Personal visitation suspended |
| Value Label: | 2 = All visitations resumed with COVID-19 limitations |