



## The Illinois Department of Corrections

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To: Senator David Koehler, Co-Chairman  
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Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability

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Re: Update on the Rebuild of Stateville and Logan Correctional Centers

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### 1. What is the current operational status of both facilities?

Logan Correctional Center is operational and currently houses 72% of women in custody with the Illinois Department of Corrections.<sup>1</sup>

Stateville Correctional Center's Health Care Unit is the only unit housing individuals in custody at Stateville proper. The adjacent Northern Reception and Classification Center will remain fully operational during and after the construction of any new correctional center.

### 2. How many inmates are currently housed at each facility?

1,085 women are in custody at Logan Correctional Center, and 12 men are in custody at Stateville proper's Health Care Unit as of March 7, 2025.

### 3. What actions have been taken to advance the closure process for each facility?

Since the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability's public hearing, no actions have been taken to advance the closure process for Logan Correctional Center as the plan has always been centered on keeping Logan open as long as it is safe to do so. The Department has taken signification action, with the assistance of the Capital Development Board, toward ensuring that the facility will remain operational for the duration of the rebuild. The Department has procured or is in the process of procuring services for the following projects:

- Replacement of all existing pneumatic HVAC controls throughout the facility with a new building automation system with direct digital controls in Housing Unit 15 and the Vocational Building.
- Replacement of coal-fueled boilers with a diesel 1000HP temp trailer boiler unit and a propane 800HP boiler.
- Replacement of the fire alarm system throughout the facility to comply with the Fire Code and decrease manual oversight.

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*Mission: To serve justice in Illinois and increase public safety by promoting positive change for those in custody, operating successful reentry programs, and reducing victimization.*

The Department has taken the following actions to advance the closure of Stateville Correctional Center:

- All individuals in custody during the public hearings have since been transferred to another facility within the Department, except for 12 individuals requiring dialysis or infirmary services.
- The Department has worked closely with its educational partners to relocate education programs offered at Stateville to other facilities and transfer these program's students to the new facility to continue their education.
- The Department and Central Management Services negotiated impact bargaining with AFSCME, VR704, and the Trades. Once bargaining was complete, the agreed-upon process took place to offer each Stateville employee a position at the NRC or another facility in northern Illinois. On March 16, 2025, all Stateville employees will report to their new assignment. No Stateville employee was subjected to an involuntary layoff.
- The Capital Development Board (CDB) contracted with CDM Smith to assess the 2,264-acre campus to investigate the viability of constructing one or more new correctional facilities on the property and investigate the natural and man-made constraints on the site that could influence or limit the available space for the development.
- The Office of Health Services (OHS) continues to work with the Transfer Coordinator's Office to identify appropriate transfers for the individuals residing in the Health Care Unit that will allow for continuity of care. Where required treatment and resources are unavailable, OHS continues working diligently with medical providers to identify and procure the medical services necessary for the remaining transfers to be completed.

#### **4. Is there any new information regarding the plan for closure and reconstruction of Stateville Correctional Center?**

In collaboration with the Capital Development Board (CDB), the Department issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Construction Management and Owner's Advisor (CM/Owner's Advisor) team with specialized expertise in correctional facilities. This team will oversee and coordinate the design and construction phases for the new facilities. The CM/Owner's Advisor team will provide expert management services to support IDOC throughout the lifecycle of this project. Their role will be instrumental in ensuring robust stakeholder engagement and transparency, facilitating tailored project updates, targeted communication, and clear objectives for each phase.

CDB anticipates awarding the Construction Manager/Owner's Advisor Team contract at its April 2025 Board Meeting. CDB received three submissions for the Request for Proposal, and interviews with the Selection Committee are scheduled for March 27, 2025. This team will oversee and coordinate the design and construction phases of the rebuild.

#### **5. Has a more definitive timeline been established for the closure of Logan Correctional Center? Additionally, is the plan still to rebuild at the Stateville site?**

The location of Logan Correctional Center's rebuild has not yet been determined. The Construction Manager/Owner's Advisor team's work, including a robust stakeholder engagement process, will inform the State's decision regarding the location of the Logan rebuild.

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<sup>i</sup> On March 7, 2025, the total number of women in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections was 1,504 across three facilities. Decatur Correctional Facility, 309; Fox Valley Adult Transition Center, 110; and Logan Correctional Center, 1,085.