



## Guide to the Illinois Department of Corrections COVID-19 Exits File

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor issued several emergency orders<sup>1</sup> and the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) implemented emergency rules<sup>2</sup> to respond to the health risks within their facilities. Additionally, IDOC publishes an Excel file to their website containing exits that occurred since March 1, 2020. This file is updated daily to provide real-time information: <https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/Offender/Pages/CommunityNotificationofInmateEarlyRelease.aspx>. This guide is offered to help users navigate the information provided by IDOC.

The exit file contains three individual tabs (1) All Exits, (2) ED and EDSC Exits, and (3) Furloughs.

(1) **All Exits** - all people who have exited from state prisons with no expectation of returning to custody. This tab includes those who left on their scheduled released date and those released early due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) The **ED and EDSC Exits** tab, a subset of the **All Exits** tab - people who were released early to Electronic Detention (ED) per 730 ILCS 5/5-8A-3 or based on getting additional Earned Discretionary Sentence Credits (EDSC) per 730 ILCS 5/3-6-3(a)(3).

(3) The **Furlough** tab - people released pursuant to Executive Orders 19 and 33. People on furlough are considered Temporary Releases and are expected to return to IDOC after a set time period.

### Assumptions and Disclaimers:

- Individual demographic characteristics such as race and gender are not included in the data.
- The file codes people who have died while in IDOC as discharges from the institution. These people are not in the community even though they are “discharged.”
- The **Holding Offense** is the offense on which the person is currently serving a sentence. This offense may not be the most serious or longest sentence but instead shows the current offense. With this file, determining the most serious offense for which the person was sentenced is not possible. Note that the **Offense Class** is based on the Holding Offense.

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<sup>1</sup> Exec. Order [2020-19](https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-19.aspx) (<https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-19.aspx>) and [2020-33](https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-33.aspx) (<https://www2.illinois.gov/Pages/Executive-Orders/ExecutiveOrder2020-33.aspx>)

<sup>2</sup> [2020 Register Rules of Governmental Agencies, Volume 44, Issue 16, April 17, 2020](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/volume44/register_volume44_issue_16.pdf) ([https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/volume44/register\\_volume44\\_issue\\_16.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/volume44/register_volume44_issue_16.pdf))