

COVID-19 death toll at San Quentin State Prison in U.S. hits nine



San Francisco, July 14 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of California, the coronavirus death toll at San Quentin State Prison has reached nine, after two more prisoners died over the weekend.

Nearly 1,500 men held at the prison have now tested positive. Dozens of critically ill prisoners have already been hospitalized. Earlier, California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered the release of 8,000 people from the state's prisons by the end of August.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health have found that prisoners are three times as likely to die from COVID-19 and five-and-a-half times as likely to get infected as the general population.

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