



## **Demand Action Now!**

**Take Action Wednesday, March 23rd**

**Social Media Toolkit**

### **WATER (still!) a Crisis in Illinois Prisons**

Join the [Coalition to Decarcerate IL](#) in demanding immediate action to address the water and infrastructure crisis in IL prisons and mass release.

Many Illinois prisons are deteriorating. The water at Stateville Prison has been awful for decades. This Summer, it became brown and yellow. The IDOC tested the water in the Fall, but it was [discovered soon after that this water testing did not follow regulation](#).

Last week, it was discovered that legionella bacteria, which causes legionnaires disease, is in the water in **several** prisons across Illinois. This bacteria can be deadly and is not safe to drink or shower in. [The IDOC brief is attached and a brand new article linked here](#).

Our loved ones in prison continue to be denied medical care, access to clean water, and the ability to obtain healthy foods & other necessities from commissaries.

We need a plan to address this water and infrastructure crisis, we need the IL Department of Public Health and the EPA to have access to our prisons, and we need mass releases now!

### **TAKE ACTION:**

**Sample Script (Call/Email):** Hello, My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a concerned IL resident. I am calling regarding the inhumane conditions, water, and infrastructure crisis in Illinois prisons. Last week, it was discovered that legionella bacteria, which causes Legionnaires disease, is in the water at Stateville, Joliet Treatment Center, Graham and Kewanee. In addition, Shawnee and Vienna are dealing with extremely concerning

drinking water. **Legionnaires disease afflicts and kills more people in the United States than any other reportable waterborne disease.**

I am calling on behalf of loved ones of those in prison, and a larger coalition that needs to see urgent action to release and transfer those in deathly situations. We support the closing of Pontiac Prison and Vienna Prison, which are both beyond inhumane.

Not only is this a water and infrastructure crisis, but this is furthering the medical violence already taking place in our prisons. These conditions are deadly!

**If no action is taken on this urgently, our coalition will take further action to hold the IDOC and the Governor's office accountable.**

Thank you

**Email your Lawmaker!**

**[Illinois Legislators](#)**

Join us in emailing members your lawmaker!!

**Call and Email the IDOC**

**[Click Here to Submit a Form](#): Copy and paste the below message.**

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**Call AND email the Governor**

**[Click Here to Submit a Form](#): Copy and paste the below message.**

**Governor, J.B. Pritzker**

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## TWEET

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- #PrisonersAreNotDisposable
- #NoOnesDisposable