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## MAYOR VISITS RIKERS

Mayor Bill de Blasio visited Rikers Island on December 17, making his first tour of the DOC jails as mayor. He used the occasion to announce that DOC had ended punitive segregation for 16- and 17-year-olds in city jails. At the Anna M. Kross Center, Mayor de Blasio toured two mental health units: Clinical Alternative to Punitive Segregation (CAPS), which houses inmates with serious mental illness who have infringed; and the new PACE unit (Program to Accelerate Clinical Effectiveness), which will house and provide therapy for violence-prone mentally ill inmates when it opens early next year. At RNDC, the Mayor met with adolescent inmates at Second Chance Housing. He then stood with Commissioner Joe Ponte, First Deputy Commissioner James Dzurenda, senior uniformed staff and correction officers and announced the punitive segregation reform at a press conference in the chapel at RNDC.

