



EUROPEAN ORGANISATION OF
PRISON AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Federal Ministry of Constitutional Affairs, Reforms, Deregulation and Justice (AT)

Prison (20.03.2020)

- 0 infections

- 0 Deaths in prisons

Austria (21.03.2020 / 15:00 h)

- 18545 previously tested
- 2814 confirmed cases
- 8 deceased patients
- 9 Recovered patients

Attached is an update on the measures we already taken:

All interim measures are extended until the 13 April 2020. The second Covid-19 Act will replace the measures taken in the near future.

- Establishment of a group system. Within the groups, small units are formed to work together as constantly as possible. This allows a separation of the guards from each other.
- The prison staff is key personnel (persons of special importance for the system).
- Staff have been made aware of their obligation to report immediately if they experience symptoms indicating infection or have had close contact with an infected person or suspected case within the last 14 days.
- Irrespective of the classification of prison staff as key personnel, the self-quarantine may only be terminated prematurely if the staff member shows no symptoms whatsoever and this requires compelling reasons of service. To this end, staff in self-quarantine must be available and contact the prison at regular intervals. Special attention must be drawn to the obligation to report the occurrence of symptoms and to the general duties of conduct (above all keeping a distance, hygiene measures, self-monitoring) in the event of early entry into active service.
- The monthly hours to be worked (working hours) must be kept as low as possible by the planning department. The obligation to be present is rather based on the mandatory requirements of the service and is to be determined by the management of the institution
- Staff members who belong to the Covid-19 risk group due to age (60+) or the existence of previous illnesses will be deployed accordingly, taking this circumstance into account, or have to perform telework including on-call duty.



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- These staff members shall be considered as a reserve in case of emergency. The prisons have to collect used FFP2 and FFP3 protective masks. The masks are Reprocess for new use in the Vienna General Hospital.
- The social services staff in the prisons must provide information to the inmates and their relatives regarding the interpretation of the provisions on special precautions in the area of the Prison Act.
- Inmates who are no longer able to work due to the situation are offered alternative employment.

All other measures taken, such as separating new arrivals from the rest of the prison population, are still in force. The same applies to the reporting obligations to the Single Point Of Contact in the Headquarter.

Prison (20.03.2020):

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Austria (19.03.2020)

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- 9 deceased patients
- 5 Recovered patients

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- Prisoners affected by plant closures receive compensation.
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