



## Message to the visitors – coronavirus Covid-19

The coronavirus COVID-19 infection rates are increasingly rising in our country. Just as in free society, it is very important that the nationally recommended precautionary and control measures are also followed inside the prisons in order to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect everyone's safety.

### Hygiene



**Wash your hands regularly with water and soap.**



**Use paper tissues to dry your hands and blow your nose.  
After each use, throw them away in the trash bin.**



**Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.**

### Visits

In order to prevent contamination, it is important to keep a distance from other people. All over the world, group activities are therefore being cancelled. This is also necessary inside the prison both for your own health and for that of your family, friends, ...<sup>1</sup>.

**As of 14 March until 3 April 2020 all visits are canceled.** This means: visit in the visiting room, children's visit, visit without supervision (private and family visit) and visit behind glass.

To compensate for the cancellation of visits, all inmates will receive an additional **call credit of € 20** to keep in touch with their family and friends during these difficult times.

Thank you for your understanding.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to article 114 of the Basic Law of 12 January 2005 concerning the prison system and the legal position of detainees, the prison director can adopt all urgent measures appropriate to the circumstances in the event of a serious situation that can potentially jeopardize the safety of all.