

PRISON DEPARTMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

1. Communicating hygiene awareness to prisoners

Inmates and prison staff are daily reminded of hygiene for prevention of COVID-19 spread (personal hygiene, disinfection of surfaces, ventilation of premises, observation of personal health status, any health problems should be reported to prison staff). In case of necessity, information is provided by audio means.

2. Maintaining hygienic environments in facilities

All surfaces in commonly used premises (kitchenettes, toilets, showers, leisure rooms, door handles, windowsills, etc.) are regularly cleaned and disinfected

3. Vigorous screening of visitors or restrictions

No visitors are allowed. Defenders' visits are allowed in exceptional cases, when they are necessary for protection of human rights and failure to do so would constitute a serious and irreversible violation of human rights.

4. Regular screening and training of staff

Besides screening of incoming and outgoing persons and their belongings, the persons are subject to contactless temperature measurements, immediately responding to health complaints of persons being screened. Hygiene awareness – see above. Staff is regularly instructed on prevention of coronavirus, steps to be taken in case of coronavirus in prison or among staff. Staff is encouraged to strictly follow basic hygienic rules and immediately consult over phone/call national crisis phone centre in case they themselves observe any symptoms which may indicate coronavirus (the same procedures as outside). Protection measures against the virus should be stocked in places with easy access for the staff 24/7. Recruitment and transfer of staff, all qualification upgrading and other events, incoming and outgoing visits are banned, distance communication or communication by other remote means to be used when/if possible. Employees having returned from foreign countries have to stay in self-isolation for 14 days.

5. Screening of parole prisoners on return

All incoming and outgoing movement as well as transfer of prisoners are not allowed. Prisoners on return are placed in isolation for 14 days.

6. Establishment of quarantine/observation spaces at correctional facilities

Prisons are recommended to install quarantine/observation spaces.

7. Reporting and treatment on identification of positive cases

Prison director, in his absence – a prison officer on duty, after being reported about a possible coronavirus case, should immediately take the measure to place a potentially infected person into isolation, call the ambulance and inform the National Public Health Centre. Prison officers responsible for isolation of a potentially infected person should be wearing appropriate protective clothes. Other prisoners from the same cell or who had contacts with a potentially infected person should be isolated from the rest of the prison population to the extent that they have no direct contact with persons without protective measures until the results of a potentially infected person are available. Isolated persons should be wearing protective face masks. In case the results are negative isolation is withdrawn. In case of positive results persons are kept being isolated until further instructions from the medical experts and the National Public Health Centre.

8. Screening of newly arriving prisoners

Prisoners transferred to Lithuania from foreign countries during the past two weeks as well as newly accepted prisoners are placed in isolation for 14 days.

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