



From the Swedish Prison and Probation Service (SPPS) regarding the Covid – 19 situation

The authorities are in general following the development of the Covid – 19 situation closely. However, the SPPS has taken some steps within our agency. Below are some examples of those steps:

- All leaves for prisoners are temporarily suspended.
- Prisoners who are not incarcerated but has been sentenced to prison are denied of entering any prison or remand prison to start serving time.
- All visits from friends and family to prisoners are temporarily cancelled.
- Visits to probation offices are to be avoided as far as possible. Contact between a client and a Probation Officer should be conducted over the phone if possible.
- Travelling in the line of duty (both within the country and abroad) is to be avoided if not absolutely necessary.
- The region of Stockholm has recommended its employees working at the Head Quarter or the Region Office to work from home if possible.
- General recommendations such as washing your hands often and thoroughly, keeping distance from other people, avoid local transportations etc, including staying at home if you are experiencing any symptoms or have been associated with persons having symptoms or have been confirmed to be infected.
- The SPPS now bear the costs for phone calls from prisoners to family and friends (only permitted numbers).