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**COVID-19 Feedback Collection 3 April 2020**

Do officers and civil servants use masks and gloves during service?

**Spain**
In Spain there is general lack of material, but last week, inmates started to make masks and masks were also distributed among prison staff.

**Lithuania**
Prison staff in direct contact with prison population must wear protective face masks and gloves. Others are recommended

**Israel**
Prison guards and officers within the prisons use masks & gloves. We have no civil servants

**Belgium**
- FFP1 masks are worn by all staff members (guards and administration). Gloves for serving food, fouilles, ... FFP2 masks and gloves are worn to have contact with prisoners in medical isolation.
- No, they do not unless they are in contact with inmates that are suspected infected or proven infected by test.
- Personal equipment (masks and gloves) and disinfectants are provided for security and other prison staff. For medical staff working in prisons additional equipment is provided like special safety glasses and protective clothing.
- All staff members and inmates are to be equipped with the surgical masks available in the prisons according to the respective circumstances and possibilities and with explicit consideration to maintain a sufficiently large stock. As soon as possible, these masks are to be replaced by mouth-nose protection masks produced by the prisons. All staff members on duty should wear an appropriate mask as far as possible. One mask per day should be used, and two masks per day for particularly long and intensive (in terms of contacts) service. Inmates must always wear surgical masks or mouth-nose masks for a period of four weeks after being transferred from the access department when leaving their detention room.
- One mask per day is calculated. The sewn protective masks from our own production are to be reused after removal of the filter insert. The masks have to be changed daily and they can be boiled out. Each staff member have to be equipped with a set of five sewn protective masks. If the masks cleaning cannot be carried out in the Prison or externally, they are to be prepared privately for reuse. Stricter protective measures, e.g. in the isolated access departments, in the infirmaries and at the new admission, remain unaffected. - All Prisons are requested to restart or expand the production of sewn protective masks in their own facilities in accordance with the applicable standards and in consultation with the Budget- and Economic Department in the General Directorate and the prison doctors. - In addition, the Directorate-General has also notified the need for protective masks of various classes, gloves, protective suits, etc. for the prisons in the framework of the State crisis and disaster management (critical infrastructure). Other sources of supply were also requested for procurement.

**Slovakia**
**Face masks:** The prison staff is obliged to use face masks during fulfilling the service tasks, especially when they are in contact with other persons. Each member of the prison staff received an appropriate number of reusable face masks provided by the Prison service. Their disinfection is carried out individually by prison staff. **Gloves:** It is up to the prison staff whether they decide to use them. Single-use gloves are available in all prisons. It is obligatory to wear the gloves during certain service activities (e.g. when serving food, measuring body temperature, changing laundry, when contacting inmate suspected of having COVID-19 etc.; medical prison staff should wear them always when performing their
Poland

Inmates produce weekly about 150,000 protective masks, 2,500 protective suits, 9,000 protective aprons, and disinfectant. In the nearest future we want to increase the production of masks to 800,000 per month and the production of liquid for disinfection to 80,000 litres per month.

Latvia

Officers and civil servants working in imprisonment places use masks and gloves. The administration follows that, especially, the employees who contact with prisoners directly, wear the personal protection equipment. Medical personnel who have been brought into contact with patients suspected of COVID-19 will also wear respirators, protective suits... However, we have no infected inmates so far. Personnel working at entry gates have to wear FFP3 respirators.

Catalonia

All prison staff directly dealing with inmates, wear masks. In addition, they will wear gloves, protection glasses or the entire PPE if the situation requires to do so and always when dealing with a person that has tested positive.

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**Are COVID-19 tests performed in prison, i.e. is the sample taken by the prison health service?**

Spain

Tests made are till now few and centralised by the Health Public Authority.

Lithuania

Tests are performed only in cases of medical indications, but not by the prison health service

Israel

Covid-19 tests were taken only for staff that were in touch or near confirmed cases.

Luxembourg

Tests are only being performed when the concerned person shows symptoms as defined by the Ministry of Health. In Luxembourg, we have a convention with the Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg. Their medical staff decides about the necessity to make a test and if there are indicators, they perform a test.

Estonia

Prison medical department performs the tests and sends the samples to the National Laboratory for analysis.

Belgium

No, the private doctor of the staff can ask for tests. The tests for prisoners are taken by the own medical service of the prison.

Norway

Tests are done by the prison health service (employed by the local municipality – in Norway we have the " import model" of services to the prisons)

Bulgaria

In case of doubt about COVID-19 for an inmate/detainee assistance is sought from the Regional Health Inspectorate (RHI) and the Emergency Medical Service Centre (EMSC) to ensure collection, storage and transportation of material for virological examination. In exceptional cases, medical specialists in prisons also take material for a virological examination.

Slovakia

Do not have a uniform procedure for COVID-19 testing. Medical prison staff does not take samples for these tests. Some prisons carry out escorts of inmates to the relevant hospitals (infectious clinic) in order to get them tested. Some prisons use for testing a Mobile testing unit (means a mobile ambulance/ other vehicle adapted for taking samples; with trained staff; taking samples in different venues of the country), that can come to the prison and take samples directly from the inmate.

Latvia

In Latvia, the COVID-19 tests are performed by the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (CDPC).

Czech Republic

The Czech Prison Service medical personnel do not perform COVID-19 tests. If tests are needed, we cooperate with a responsible regional body - a public health/hygienic authority is contacted which then ensures taking the samples in prisons (to avoid transfers/escorts of prisoners outside prison).

Catalonia

Tests are performed by health care staff working in prisons which belong to the Health Department, hence under the same criteria and sent to the same labs that the tests in the community hospitals.

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**How to handle infected inmates**

- Are they isolated within the prison? If so, who is taking care of them?
- Are they being treated in a civil hospital?
- How did you handle all the other inmates (and staff) who had been in contact with the infected inmates?

Spain

- Inmates are isolated in facilities of the prison, that have been previously prepared for that aim. (2) Infected inmates are most of them in hospital. Two of them with low symptoms are in their prison. (3) Also, staff and other inmates that were in contact with one positive inmate are isolated with the quarantine established by Health Authorities.

Austria

- (1) It is forbidden to bring inmates, which are Covid-19 positive, into the surgery or other premises dedicated to nursing. They must be brought to the access department or other suitable separate areas. Every contact to third parties must be avoided in any case. (2) Only if there is a need for hospitalisation (e.g. intensive care). The inmates are generally treated in our own facilities. (3) Inmates: Any suspicious cases will be treated the same way as a Covid-19 positive inmate. No contact with third parties until clarification and placement in the access department (quarantine). Staff: If direct contact (e.g. without protection) has occurred, the staff member is sent to home quarantine. The public health department will decide about a testing and/or a 14 days quarantine. If the prescribed rules are followed, no further action will be taken. In the latter case, both the inmate and the staff member will wear a mask. A minimum distance must be maintained.

Poland

The Penitentiary Service, in connection with the recommendations and schemes of proceedings recommended and implemented by the Main Sanitary Inspectorate, in order to isolate prisoners with confirmed infection, not requiring hospitalization in the conditions of an infectious hospital but with the indication of treatment at home, has established a special isolation facility for the time of illness and convalescence of patients at one of the prisons. Sick persons requiring hospitalization are transported to infectious hospitals. We had no case of infection in the unit. We admitted to the isolation room one of the detainees who had already been arrested with the coronavirus from freedom. The second inmate, because he had co-mates’ diseases, is in an infectious hospital at large.

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**Early release & intake of new prisoners**

Israel

240 prisoners remainder serving time less than 1 month

Latvia

imposition of short term custodial sentences has stopped

Norway

applying early release measures to decrease prison crowding. 126 inmates were released, 10-20-30 days earlier, if security allows; decided on 16 March 2020 that early releases should be used as a means to reduce the number of inmates Norwegian prisons. The purpose of this measure is both to minimize the risk of infectious outbreaks in prisons, both among inmates and staff members, and also to enable all inmates as soon as possible to serve their sentence in single-bay cells. As of 27 March 2020, 28 inmates are still sharing cells. This is a significant reduction compared to 20. March 2020, when the number of inmates sharing cells was 147!

Estonia

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### Other measures

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  - A [helpline](#) has been put in place through which prison social workers are providing support to families and friends of inmates.

- **Catalonia**
  - No early release; temporary no intake of pre-trial detainees.

- **Austria**
  - No early release; temporary postponement of prison sentence execution for max 6 months sentences and conversion of sentences for unpaid fines until 20 June.

- **Czech Republic**
  - Provided security allows: early release for sentences left of max 6 month before release; temporary suspension of imprisonment for one month.

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