



**COVID-19  
Feedback Collection  
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	<i>Infected</i>		<i>Isolated / quarantine</i>		<i>Dead</i>		
	<i>Prisoner</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Prisoner</i>	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Prisoner</i>	<i>Staff</i>	
Slovenia	2	1	28	14			
Poland	6	7	59	52			
Slovakia	0*	0	6	2			*1 positive tested prisoner has recovered
Belgium	14	61*	50**				*25 of the 61 are recovered and back at work; **on average 50 per day in quarantine
Czech Republic	1*	2**	3	8			*in pre-trial detention prison hospital; ** 11 recovered
Israel	0	7*	7	56			*6 all recovered
Spain	70*	31**	95	142	2	4	*81 total, 15 already recovered; ** 278 total, 243 already recovered
Catalonia	1*	60**					*60 already recovered; **32 already recovered, total of 92
Sweden	125*	**	20-30	0			*107 recovered fully
Italy	132*	192**			1	2	* 2 of them are hospitalized; **184 of them penitentiary police / 8 administrative staff; 11 hospitalised
Austria*	0*	0	0	0			*481 inmates tested negative until now
Norway	0*	1**		69			*9 prisoners have recovered; ** 10 staff members have recovered
Netherlands	20*				1		*14 in prisons, of which 11 are recovered, 1 deceased and 1 released from prison; 6 in forensic care of which 5 are recovered
Hungary	0	1*	0	1*			*1 infected staff member that is in quarantine
Finland	0	0*	6	1			*5 already recovered
Lithuania	0	0	0	0			
Georgia	0	0	0	0			
Latvia	0	0	0	0			
Luxembourg	1	0	2*	0			*prisoners quarantined upon their arrival are not calculated. Every new detainee stays in isolation for 7 days before being transferred to regular sections.
Malta*	0	0	0	0			
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0			
Romania	0	9					
Estonia	0	4	some	some			
Denmark	0*	0					*1 prisoner is recovered
Moldova	1	7	9	28	0	0	
Croatia	0	2*	138**	27	0	0	*one staff member was quarantined immediately after returning from travelling abroad and has been on sick-leave since then (never entered a prison), **all newly admitted prisoners are isolated for reasons of precaution
France	35	51	127	312	1	1	
Portugal	0	7					
Ireland	0*	47**	15***				*10 awaiting testing (results) **337 cleared from isolation

**How do you deal with multi-person cells?**

Spain	We avoid the multi person cells. The number of inmates has decreased and we try to follow the philosophy of one inmate one cell.
Finland	The cell-structure in Finnish prisons is concentrated mainly on single cells and two-person cells. Therefore, making the necessary arrangements for quarantine cases has not caused major difficulties.
Estonia	In Estonia 28% of prisoners live in single-occupancy cells, all other prisoners live in double-occupancy cells. There are no cells for more than two people in Estonian prisons. Average number of inmates per one cell is 1,5 (SPACE1, 2019).
Sweden	If one of the inmates shows symptoms of being infected both are tested and quarantined though separately from each other if the other seems healthy.
Czech Republic	We do use multi-person cells in the Czech Republic and since we deal with slight overcrowding, there hasn't been much space to reduce them. We strictly applied all measures related to hygiene – regular disinfection of all prison areas, use of face masks (for each inmate 3 textile face-masks available, prison ensured their washing, ironing and disinfection, 2 extra face masks for working inmates during shifts), common placement-accommodation of inmates working in one place, using the walking yards for the same groups, distribution of meals to the cells (where possible). All staff members wear face masks or other protective equipment (respirators, face shields, protective suits) in all areas of prison. Inmates wear face masks whenever they move outside the cell.
France	Only remand homes are affected by multi-person cells. The decreasing of overcrowding in these facilities had a big impact on the number of person/cell and helped to limit the spread of the virus in detention.
Austria	If an inmate shows symptoms he/she and all persons who have come into contact with him/her are quarantined and tested.

Scotland	In order to further reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread, SPS is actively seeking to provide single cell accommodation to everyone in our care. Currently around 85-90% of the Scottish prison population reside in a single cell. It is hoped that efforts to ensure a greater proportion of the prison population reside in single cell accommodation will be assisted by the implementation of Early Release legislation and greater provision of Home Detention Curfew (HDC). While it is clearly not possible to maintain a social distance within a shared cell, Health Protection Scotland's interpretation is that a prison cell is considered a "household". Further, SPS is not, at this time, transferring people in our care between areas of prison, unless absolutely necessary in order to limit the risk of any further cross contamination or introduction of COVID-19 to a new area. If an individual sharing a cell shows symptoms of Covid-19 they would be transferred to a single cell to isolate, as would the other occupant of that cell.
Italy	Regarding the risk of COVID 19 infection, if a prisoner shows symptoms compatible with the virus, he/she is subjected to medical examination in a suitable place for treatment. It must conduct a medical screening and swab test for prisoners who share the cell with the infected person or for those who have had contact with him/her; in the case of a positive subject, the doctor will assess the need for the subject to stay in the prison rooms dedicated to the condition of sanitary isolation, or the transfer of the prisoner to an external health facility. There is also the decontamination of the facilities hosting inmates suspected or ascertained to be suffering from COVID-19.
Poland	If one person in the multi-person cell have symptoms of the COVID-19 all inmates from this cell are isolated and the tests are made for all of them
Slovakia	Multi-person cells or rooms have been used regarding the accommodation capacities. The accommodation follows the principle of joint accommodation of inmates who were admitted to the prison in the period specified by the prison until the cell/room is fully occupied having in mind separate placement of men and women, smokers and non-smokers, pre-trial detainees in collusion
Norway	Currently all inmates live in single cells. The number of inmates was reduced to achieve this
Israel	We have a lot of multi person cells in our facilities. Earlier, at the beginning of March 2020, we released around 540 inmates who had only one more month left to serve in prison before their release. They were sent home with restricted condition. New detainees are staying 14 days in quarantine before entering the multi person cells. Since there were no leaves and no visitations we have no special instructions regarding the multi person cells. In every prison facility there is a ward which was designated for isolation and quarantine in case we need to isolate an inmate from his cell mates.
Lithuania	All newly accepted prisoners have to stay in quarantine for 14 days and afterwards, they're allocated to multi-person cells, therefore no special measures re. multi-person cells were necessary. Provided an inmate in a multi-person cell showed symptoms of/ was infected with COVID-19 all inmates from this cell would be isolated and tested.
Catalonia	In Catalan prisons there are two-person cells and there are a limited number of single-person cells (no multiperson cells). When an inmate shows symptoms compatible with Covid-19 or has been in close contact with another person testing positive, will be placed in medical isolation in the single occupancy cells available, in the infirmary of the prison or in one of the several dedicated units available in some of the prisons. If the inmate tests positive of Covid-19, health care staff will decide the kind of treatment required for this person and where should s/he be placed over the course of the treatment. If his/her health condition requires so, the inmate will be transferred to the Prison Hospital of Terrassa.

#### What is your test policy?

Spain	We are priority sector to be tested when a officer has some Covid synthoms.
Finland	All prisoners who have symptoms of COVID-19 are tested. The test are carried out in the public health care system. The prisoner is transported to the testing point by the staff with a prison car. Tests are taken at the public test sites of each hospital district.
Estonia	All people entering a prison are checked with a no-touch thermometer and for other possible symptoms of virus. All prisoners and staff members showing even the mildest symptoms are tested. In case, C-19 infection is tested positive, all other staff members and prisoners who have been in contact with the infected person, will also be tested, and re-tested when necessary.
Sweden	All staff who show signs of infections are given the opportunity to be tested. It is being implemented as of this moment in cooperation with the Swedish equivalent of the CDC.
Czech Republic	We provide tests for all individuals (staff members and inmates) who have been in contact with someone tested positive. After each positive test, all people who have been in contact with the person are identified and tested. Due to a very low number of positive cases it has not been a complicated issue. Everyone potentially infected was placed in isolation (inmates) or quarantine (staff-members).
France	There is an instruction from the Minister of Health and the Interior on April 9, relating to the deployment of new screening test capacities which identifies prison staff and detainees among the priority populations while positioning the prefects, in conjunction with the regional agencies of health, on the preparation and support for the deployment of tests. The governor of the prison has to inform the health authorities of any suspicious case in the staff or in the detainees.
Austria	Basically, the decision on testing lies with the health authorities. However, a recently purchased medical device enables rapid tests for inmates and staff and collective testing in prisons by the prison authorities.
Scotland	If anyone in custody is displaying or develops signs of COVID-19, they must be referred to an NHS Healthcare Professional immediately. An NHS Healthcare Professional must assess the individual and determine if they require to be isolated.
Italy	In accordance with the Local Health Authorities has been installed tensile structures at the entries of penal institutions to carry out the necessary sanitary procedures ( <i>pre-triage</i> ). <i>Thermo-scanners</i> procedure is carried out to all the people who have access to the facilities (including employees). The swab test is performed to subjects who present symptoms related to pandemic infection. There is arrangement of <i>dispensers</i> of disinfectant solutions at the entrance of each wing. The penitentiary staff wears personal protection equipment (DPI: surgical mask, gloves and FFP2 visor). In compliance with the directives of the Ministry of Health and in regional connection with the Local Health Authorities, serological tests are carried out on the penitentiary staff for the purpose of the epidemiological inquiry.
Poland	The tests are made according to the indications of the Sanitary Agency
Slovakia	We test in case of symptoms. Prison staff does not ensure taking samples, we carry out escorts of inmates to hospitals (infectious clinic) in order to get them tested or we use a Mobile testing unit for testing. In case of inmates from abroad, it is necessary to ensure taking samples for the COVID-19 test (from 6th to 11th day after admission of such inmates)
Norway	If inmates are showing symptoms of Covid-19, they are tested. Over the last month this has become easier as test capacity in the municipalities has improved.
Israel	Israel prison service has been recognized by the Ministry of Health the 3 <sup>rd</sup> important organization in the country to get and perform test. We perform random tests to inmates and staff in all of our facilities. In case of staff or inmates who has symptoms we immediately test them. Before accepting new detainees from the police we ask the police to make sure they have been tested for the virus
Lithuania	The tests are made to all newly accepted inmates. Inmates showing symptoms are also tested. All prison staff were tested for COVID-19.
Catalonia	When the health crisis started, PCR diagnostic tests were carried in inmates with symptoms compatible with Covid-19 and those who had been in close contact with inmates that had tested positive. Recently, the prison system (together with other population groups), has been included in the Orfeu Programme, which is the Government of Catalonia's mass coronavirus screening service. As a result, PCR tests are being conducted in all prison staff (total of 4.593 members of the staff) and all inmates (total of 7.894 including sentenced and on remand inmates). Although final results are not yet available due to the time required to process such number of samples, this testing policy brings to the surface a relevant number of asymptomatic Covid-19 positive cases.

#### Does your prison staff wear face masks?

Spain	It is compulsory to wear masks.																																																																																					
Finland	Face masks are used when the staff is working with prisoners who have symptoms of acute respiratory infection (fever, cough and/or dyspnoea) or when taking an intoxicant test. According to the instructions, when working with asymptomatic prisoners and staff, it is not necessary to use protective equipment.																																																																																					
Estonia	There have been no infected prisoners in Estonia, therefore at the moment staff is advised (but not required) to wear a face mask – especially when in contact with people who don't work in prison full time, also when escorting a prisoner outside the prison (e.g. to the hospital). Personal Protective Equipment is definitely required when a prisoner shows suspected infection or infection is detected; also in the isolation and quarantine units.																																																																																					
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#### What is done with home leaves?

Spain	We have started with leaves. After them, inmates have a 14 days quarantine.
Netherlands	<u>Prisons:</u> As of the second of June incidental leave is allowed in exceptional situations, such as attending a funeral of a family member. <u>Forensic psychiatry and juvenile institutions:</u> Leave is an essential part of the treatment in FPC's and in correctional institutions for juvenile offenders. As of the second of June individuals in TBS clinics and juveniles in correctional institutions are therefore allowed to go on supervised leave once a week for a maximum of two hours, if this is part of their treatment plan and this is in the interest of their reintegration. A leave authorization is required for this leave. With supervised leave, the supervisor can identify whether and how the offender follows the guidelines provided by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). If necessary, individuals can be quarantined if they have not followed the guidelines.
Finland	Decision about starting to allow home leaves will be made in mid-June.
Estonia	Starting from 01.06.2020 home leaves have been resumed as usual.
Sweden	Leaves from prison have been cancelled. The Swedish Prison and Probation Service is still in the very early planning phase for the situation after Covid-19. However, the cessation of special measures related to the Covid-19 virus will happen gradually, and in line with national health policies
Czech Republic	Home leave is an inmate benefit approved by the prison governor. Currently the home leaves are suspended upon recommendation of the prison service management.
France	Home leaves are allowed. But they may present a risk to the health security of detentions; also, the opinions which the SPIP will have to formulate on requests for home leaves will take into account in particular the situation, in the green or orange zone, of the place of the permission to go out. Priority is given in particular to requests linked to major events, particularly family events. As a reminder, the permit holders are given a protective mask by the establishment upon their exit. Upon their return from home leaves, the detainee is directed to the arriving area or to a dedicated unit for a period of 14 days since this person may not have respected the barrier gestures when he was outside.

Austria	Home leaves are generally not permitted until June 30th. However, the Directorate-General approves exceptions in individual cases for non-deferrable, non-substitutable personal matters or to prepare for release. After returning from such leaves, the inmates must be accommodated separately from others in all areas for 14 days.
Scotland	There are no home leaves at present.
Italy	Until 30 June 2020, with Law Decree nr. 18 of March the 17th 2020, the Italian Government has suspended the prison leaves for detainees. It has suspended the entrances of non-detained persons and also the re-entry of detainees in a semi-liberty regime, with the aim of limiting the chances of contagion,
Poland	At the moment the leaves are suspended. We don't know when they will be restored
Slovakia	As of 1 June 2020, prison governors can again allow walks outside prison and home leaves for prisoners
Norway	The Correctional services has the last 3 weeks opened up for some unescorted leaves. The Directorate has lifted the bar for granting leaves because of Covid-19, so its only a very few leaves that are granted at the moment.
Israel	As of now the home leaves are still suspended by the state emergency regulation. In case of emergency such as funeral from immediate family etc. the inmate has to submit a request to go out and it will be discussed. We did not have any request yet.
Lithuania	The leaves are suspended until the lockdown is lifted on 16 June (official).
Catalonia	Home leaves were suspended as of the start of the health crisis and have been resumed in those prisons located in health regions that have reached stage 3.

#### What measures were taken by Prison Services and judiciary to reduce overcrowding?

Spain	The main release measure has been the one of moving inmates from open regime prison facilities to their homes under electronic monitoring.
Finland	The Ministry of Justice first issued a decree on postponing the enforcement of prison sentences of a maximum six months and conversion sentences for unpaid fines during the time period from 19 March to 19 June 2020. The purpose of this decree was to lower the number of short-term prisoners and prevent the spreading of coronavirus among prisoners and staff. Subsequently, on 7 April 2020, an Act of Parliament postponing the enforcement of prison sentences and conversion sentences for unpaid fines during the time period from 10 April to 31 July 2020 was enacted. This act revoked the previous decree. In the judiciary the hearings of thousands of criminal cases have been suspended during the COVID-19 epidemic.
Estonia	Estonian Prison Service and judiciary did not take any measures to reduce overcrowding as the Estonian prison density per 100 places is 77,5 (SPACE I, 2019,).
Sweden	Persons sentenced to prison that are not incarcerated are denied of entering any prison or remand prison to start serving time if they show symptoms of Covid-19.
Czech Republic	It has not been possible to apply long-term measures to address the issue of overcrowding. In short time perspective, the prison service has asked and agreed with the courts on postponing the orders to enter the prison sentences. This currently leads to small decrease in prison population, however, we expect a rise in the number of new admissions after the epidemic.
France	The entry into force of the ordinance of March 25 adapting the rules of criminal procedure on the basis of the emergency law which offers certain convicted persons exceptional prospects and, in the short term, in particular house arrest at the end of the sentence for remaining less than 2 months and exceptional additional sentence reductions for remaining 2 to 6 months in particular. The implementation of this ordinance strongly mobilizes, as you imagine, the prison registers and SPIP. It met with a favorable response in the courts, whether at the prosecution for summons or among the judges for the enforcement of sentences for the granting of exceptional additional sentence reductions. The impact on our detentions was very strong since before the entry into force of these measures, due to the slowdown in jurisdictional activity and the entry into force of the circular of March 14 of the Ministry of Justice which promotes alternatives to detention, the average number of entry per day has dropped significantly. This double phenomenon (the increase in exits and the sharp decline in entries) under the effect of both the slowdown in the activity of the courts, the promotion of alternatives to detention and the order criminal allowed to lead to a huge decrease – on May 25, 2020, the penal population had decreased by less than 13,525 detainees compared to the stock of March 16, including 4,329 defendants and 9,291 convicted.
Austria	A staggered postponement of the orders to start serving the prison sentences was laid down by ordinance. Financial penalties will not be enforced until September 30th.
Scotland	The Coronavirus (Scotland) Act confers a power on the Scottish Ministers to provide for the early release of a class of persons from prison (to make regulations with immediate effect in order to release prisoners who would be released in any event in the following 180 days). The Scottish Ministers can only exercise this power if they are satisfied that it is a necessary and proportionate response to the effects of coronavirus on prisons. The early release of prisoners who are due to be released shortly is considered to present a much lower risk to the public, and that lower risk, coupled with the significant risk to the effective operation of prisons, justifies the use of such action. People serving 18 months or less sent who have only 3 months left to serve of their sentence are now eligible for early release, following the introduction of emergency legislation. Under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act a number of categories of prisoners are excluded from early release (such as those convicted of sexual offences or terrorism related offences) and prison governors are able to veto the release of prisoners they deem to pose a risk of harm. The Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, laid before the Scottish Parliament on 4th May 2020, extended these exclusions to include those serving sentences for domestic abuse offences, those with non-harassment orders or those convicted of certain COVID-19-related offences. Scottish Government has also announced that the presumption against Home Detention Curfew being granted to people who have committed certain offences (including those with an index offence involving an act of violence) will now no longer apply. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis following an assessment of available information on relevant risk factors. The decision has been made in consultation with HMIPS and HMICS and was taken following the introduction of changes to HDC assessment practices and guidance and in light of challenges posed by the current COVID-19 outbreak.
Italy	<u>Home Detention</u> : derogating from the legislation currently in force, starting from the day of entry into force of Law Decree 17 March 2020, n.18, the sentence to imprisonment shall be executed, upon request, at the sentenced person's home or in other public or private healthcare center, where the sentence to be served is under 18 months, even if it is the remaining part of a longer sentence. The measure is effective until 30 June 2020. The following offenders are excluded from that measure: persons sentenced for serious crimes and social alarm, among which the inmates who participated in the recent riots in prisons. All offenders who benefit from home detention and who have to serve a sentence or the remaining part of a sentence longer than six months shall undergo electronic surveillance, giving their consent to it. When the sentence remaining to be served falls under the threshold of six months, the electronic surveillance will no longer be applied. <u>Semi-liberty</u> : the offenders who are already benefiting from semi-liberty regime can have their prison leaves extended until 30 June 2020; this to prevent their re-entry into prison and thus limit the chances of contagion.
Poland	We don't have overpopulation. At the moment the level of population in Polish prisons and remand prisons is 86%.
Slovakia	No special measures were taken
Norway	Reduce and stop newly convicted inmates from entering our prisons (instead they are home awaiting for a calling to come) Now the prisons have opened up for new inmates again. Normally our prisons are never overcrowded and the normal use of capacity is between 90-94%
Israel	As I mentioned above, in order to reduce the overcrowding, at early March we released around 540 inmates who had only one month or less to serve before their release from prison. They were sent home with restrictions. We did not release inmates who were sentenced for domestic violence and sex offenders. Through the state emergency regulation we increased the number of inmates who are being monitored by electronic surveillance unit with 250 more inmates.

Lithuania  
Catalonia

We don't have overcrowding.

With the aim of easing the occupancy in prisons to prevent the spread of covid-19 in prisons, 1.330 new inmates have been progressed to 3rd grade and granted art. 86.4 of the Prison Regulations so that they remain confined in their homes or in supervised apartments without having to spend the night in the prison, while being monitored (before the outbreak there were 325 inmates under art. 86.4 and now 1.655 in total). In order to be granted art. 86.4 the inmate has to meet the following criteria: presenting indicators that they will be able to strictly comply with the confinement restrictions and monitoring measures, having a place of residence where to comply with the confinement, having sufficient source of livelihood, low risk of reoffending and low risk of drug/alcohol consumption relapse. The prison multidisciplinary teams are closely monitoring these inmates through different means such as the electronic monitoring bracelet, alcoholometer, geolocation and videocall. Currently in addition to all of the above, in-person follow-up is also being conducted. Moreover, the situation of those inmates with a pre-existing health condition rendering them particularly vulnerable to covid-19 or those older than 70 years of age, has also been reviewed. Those who meet the 4 criteria mentioned above, have been granted 3rd grade with art. 86.4 so that they remain confined at home or in supervised apartments while being monitored. Those who did not have a home, have been placed in half-way houses that have been rearranged to comply with the strict health safety measures these particularly vulnerable inmates require. Close monitoring in the terms described above is also being conducted. In addition, the award of the different forms of conditional release foreseen by law, has been particularly promoted. The judiciary has not implemented any specific measure to reduce or postpone the enforcement of prison sentences during the health crisis. Consequently, there have been new admissions into prison although the number has slightly slow down due to the suspension of judicial and procedural activity during the lockdown, including the interruption of all procedural deadlines. It is expected that the number of new admissions will increase in the coming days as judicial and procedural activity has been resumed.