



**COVID-19
Feedback Collection
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	Infected Prisoner	Infected Staff	Dead Prisoner	Dead Staff	
Austria	45	54			These are the latest COVID-19 numbers from the Austrian prison service on November 30, 1p.m.: 54 staff members, 1 trainees of the Academy of the Austrian Penitentiary Service and 45 inmates are currently infected.
Belgium	290				Number of positive cases on COVID 19 since 16/11/2020 in the Belgian Prison Service: Since the pandemic, 290 detainees have tested positive for Covid19, of which 118 are still active positive Covid19 detainees. No information about the staff at this moment.
Bulgaria	20	80			The presented information is for the period from 13th of March till 10th of December 2020. In terms of the staff members: 503 staff members have been tested with PCR tests. 319 of them were positive on Covid-19. On 10th of December with active coronavirus infection are 80 staff members. Regarding the inmates: 253 inmates have been tested with PCR tests, 46 of them were positive on Covid-19. On 10th of December the numbers of the inmates with active coronavirus infection are 20.
Cyprus	0	0			No COVID infections in Cyprus prisons (inmates or staff).
Czech Republic	13	143			11 infected inmates (10 covicts and 1 pre-trial detainee)114 staff members (71 uniformed staff members, 43 civilian employees)
Croatia	21	41			Infected prisoners: 21 Infected prison staff: 41 Infected probation staff: 2 (Self-)isolated prisoners: 92 Self-isolated prison staff: 61 Self-isolated probation staff: 6
Denmark	0	0			* In Denmark, 3 inmates have tested positive. All three have recovered.
England and Wales					https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hm-prison-and-probation-service-covid-19-statistics
Estonia	214	31			128 infected prisoners recovered; 5 infected staff recovered.
Finland	1	3			Prisoners - Current cases: 1 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 2) Staff – Current cases: 3 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic : 11)
Georgia	0	0			
Hungary	110	407			as of 18 November 2020
Ireland	22	103			Numbers in custody: 3,762
Israel	132	18			
Italy	1030	754			Please find below the data about COVID-19 infections among prisoners and staff as of Monday 14 December 2020, published on the webpage of the Italian Ministry of Justice https://www.giustizia.it/giustizia/it/mg_2_27.page . PRISONERS Total number of prisoners present: 53052 Infected prisoners (active cases as of 14 December 2020): 1030 Of which: 951 without symptoms 44 with symptoms (followed inside prisons) 35 hospitalized outside prisons PENITENTIARY POLICE STAFF Total number of Penitentiary Police staff members on duty: 37153 Infected Penitentiary Police officers (active cases as of 14 December 2020): 754 Of which: 714 at home 22 at their barrack room 18 hospitalized PRISON GOVERNORS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF Total number of staff: 4090 Infected staff members (active cases as of 14 December 2020): 70 Of which: 69 at home 1 hospitalized

Latvia	97	46			
Lithuania	199	109			Infected inmates: 199 Infected staff: 109 Infected probation staff: 6
Luxembourg					As of the 1st December, Luxembourg has counted 13 detainees that have been tested positive to Covid-19 (since the beginning, not necessarily active cases). We don't track cases among staff members.
Malta	1	1			1 prisoner still not recovered
Moldova	3	30			
Netherlands	11				10 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within the prison administration; 0 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within forensic care; 1 confirmed C-19 infection among detainees within a correctional facility for juvenile offenders; 0 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within detention centres; Total: 11 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees.
Northern Ireland	8	56			The numbers that have tested positive since the start of the pandemic for the Northern Ireland Prison Service
Norway	17	35			The latest statistics from the Norwegian Correctional Service are from 29 October. The numbers of inmates/convicted persons infected with Covid 19 are 17. Among staff members, 35 are infected with Covid 19. 16 staff members and 7 inmates/convicted persons have not recovered from Covid 19.
Poland	90	196			Number of inmates: 68 110, at the moment 90 are infected, which represents 1.13% Number of officers and civil servants: 29,097, at the moment 196 are infected, which represents 0.67%
Romania	0	*			* In the Romanian prison system, since the beginning of the epidemic, there have been 148 cases reported among prison staff and 0 cases reported among prison population, until the 31st August.
Slovakia	92	131			
Slovenia	36	63			The numbers for Prison Administration of the Republic of Slovenia are following (13 October): 7 staff members positive on COVID-19, 0 inmates positive on COVID-19.
Spain	113	159			Officers: 113 active cases/82 under observation. Inmates: 93/159.
Spain - Catalonia	83	25			In Catalonia, since March 2020 to date, the current numbers are as follows: •Staff: 63 active cases (299 recovered, total 362) •Inmates: 36 active cases (364 recovered, total 400)
Sweden	38	-			Prisoners - Current cases: 38 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 240)
If a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, what would be the rules applied for inmates receiving it in your country? Fore example: will it be optional or mandatory, shall they receive it for free, etc?					
Austria	In Austrian prisons the COVID19 vaccine will be free for inmates, Corresponding to the schedule of the Austrian Government, first of all high-risk inmates will be vaccinated against COVID19. There will not be a compulsory vaccination, the vaccination will be optional.				
Belgium	In Belgium, vaccination in prison will be the same as vaccination in a free life: no obligation free of charge				
Czech Republic	The rules to be finally applied in the Czech Republic have yet been under development. The current governmental proposal of the Vaccination strategy anticipates that vaccines are going to be provided to each citizen free of charge; costs will be covered by the general health insurance. The strategy also identifies population groups at risk and those with priority to be vaccinated. The choice of whether to get vaccinated is supposed to be solely optional. The approach to the vaccination against COVID-19 within the correctional settings of the Czech Prison Service must follow the nature and main points of the governmental proposal (see above). Nevertheless, the details of how to carry out the vaccination campaign will be set according to the type of vaccine we will receive (mainly logistic issues associated with the vaccine handling and distribution).				
Estonia	Amongst prisoners, priority will be given to the risk group prisoners (with a severe underlying medical condition, or having a serious disease or medical condition). Vaccination will be optional, and as it is part of the state health care services – prisoners will receive it for free.				
England and Wales	Due to the principle of equivalence of healthcare, prisoners will receive the vaccine according to the same policy as that applied to the general population. That policy is recommended by a Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and agreed by our Department for Health and Social Care. Prisoners will not be treated any differently and will access the vaccine according to which priority group they fall into.				
Finland	In Finland vaccination will be voluntary and free of charge for the prisoners. Prisoners will be vaccinated on the same terms as the general population.				
Ireland	The vaccine will be optional In advance of the programme commencing, we will survey prisoners on attitudes to vaccination and then link this to a communication strategy for prisoners. The vaccine will be free of charge. The vaccine will be administered in accordance with the Government decision on priority groups for vaccination				
Latvia	Referring to the question from Hungary, vaccination rules for prisoners in Latvia have not yet been developed. The Ministry of Health of Latvia has drawn up vaccination guidelines for Covid-19 infection of the population, which state that the first to be vaccinated free of charge will be medical staff and residents of social care institutions, respectively, risk groups. Vaccination of the population will be voluntary. The principle of voluntariness will also apply to prisoners.				
Lithuania	The Lithuanian prison service is waiting for the recommendations from the Ministry of Health. Anyway, inmates will be vaccinated on the same terms as the general population depending on which priority group they fall under (ageing, vulnerable, etc.)				
Netherlands	The information provided thus far indicates that detainees will be vaccinated on the same terms as the rest of the population. This means that the vaccination will be free and optional. Furthermore, there will be a prioritized group, that will receive the vaccination first.				

Northern Ireland	<p>Prisoners in Northern Ireland will have the same rights to access the vaccine as everyone in the general population. The vaccine will be supplied free to prisoners in Northern Ireland and in phase 1, which starts on 14/12/2020 our prisoners who are aged 80+ will be offered the vaccine. Other groups will then be offered in further phases in line with delivery within the wider population.</p> <p>As with the general population, prisoners will be offered the vaccine, but it will not be mandatory – they may refuse. We have seen this with testing for the virus where around 95% of new committals have been tested, with 5% refusing the test.</p>
Norway	<p>With reference to the question from Hungary: In Norway, inmates will be vaccinated on the same terms as the rest of the population. That means that if there are vulnerable groups among the inmates, these will also be prioritized as in the rest of the society.</p>
Romania	<p>In Romania, inmates' Covid-19 vaccination strategy will be the same as for the general population. The information provided so far indicates that the vaccine will be free and optional.</p>
Sweden	<p>From the Swedish Prison and Probation Service, SPPS, the response is the same as from HMPPS and the LPD, The prisoners will receive the vaccine according to the same regulations as the general population.</p>