



**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	8	92			In addition: 132 inmates have been tested with PCR tests. 8 of them have been tested positive on Covid-19. 3 of them have been already recovered. 2 of the rest 5 positive inmates are hospitalized patients in prison's hospitals; the other 2 are detainees and their measures have been changed from deprivation of liberty to the measure mandatory to sign in in front of police officer. the last one is a prisoner, which sentence has been suspended by the prosecutor after a proposal from the chief of the prison.  In terms of staff members, 268 staff members have been tested with PCR tests. 92 of them have been tested positive on Covid-19. 41 have been already recovered.
Cyprus	0	0			No COVID infections in Cyprus prisons (inmates or staff).
Czech Republic	13	143			11 infected inmates (10 convicts 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					<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hm-prison-and-probation-service-covid-19-statistics">https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hm-prison-and-probation-service-covid-19-statistics</a>
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	100			Numbers in custody: 3,823
Israel	132	18			
Italy	22	101			Please see below table which provides information regarding number of infected prisoners/staff as at 3rd Dec 2020. Number in Custody: 3,797 Number of staff infected with Covid 19: 101 Number of prisoners infected with Covid 19: 22
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	16				Current number of C-19 infections among detainees as of the 2nd of December: 16 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within the prison administration; 0 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within forensic care; 0 confirmed C-19 infection among detainees within a correctional facility for juvenile offenders; 0 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within detention centres; Total: 16 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	121	243			
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	0	7			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	147	141			Active cases: 141 officers, 147 inmates. Under observation: 124 officers, 427 inmates.
Spain - Catalonia	83	25			Currently in Catalonia the figures since march 2020 are as follows: •Inmates: 83 active positive cases and 260 already recovered (total 343) •Staff: 25 active positive cases and 330 already recovered (total 355)
Sweden	38	-			Prisoners - Current cases: 38 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 240)
<b>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?</b>					
Belgium	In Belgium, vaccination in prison will be the same as vaccination in a free life: no obligation free of charge				
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.				
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.)				
Northern Ireland	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.  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.				
Norway	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.				
Sweden	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.				