



**COVID-19  
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	Infected Prisoner	Infected Staff	Dead Prisoner	Dead Staff	
Austria	14	5			As of January 13, 2021
Belgium	32				<p>Number of new positive cases on COVID 19 since 18/12/2020: - Prisoners : +7</p> <p>Since the start of the pandemic, 378 detainees have tested positive (18 new cases last week). There are currently 32 infectious COVID patients in a prison / 0 in an external hospital. 30 of the beds kept free for COVID patients (Bruges and Lantin) have been taken.</p> <p>No prisoners have died of Covid-19</p>
Bulgaria	2	13			<p>Current Covid-19 cases as of 07.01.2020: Inmates – 2; Prison staff – 13.</p> <p>Covid-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates – 53; Prison staff – 362.</p> <p>COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic: Prison staff – 2; Inmates – 3.</p>
Cyprus	0	7			<p>No COVID cases for inmates in the prison establishments as from the COVID outbreak on 9th of March till today. However two of them while they were treated in the Psychiatric hospital they contracted COVID, so they did not return to prisons until their treatment was completed and with a negative PCR test.</p> <p>As regards the number of cases for staff, we had 7 officers that were contracted COVID due to their social contacts for the period 9th of March till today, and they stayed away from the service until they were treated and they returned with a negative PCR test.</p>
Czech Republic	256	235			<p>Prison Service of the Czech Republic are as follows: Currently infected Personnel: 235 Prisoners: 256</p> <p>Total numbers Personnel: 1504 1 death Prisoners: 1582 2 deaths</p>
Croatia	38	16			<p><b>please find below updated information on the COVID-19 related situation in the Croatian prison system and probation (active cases on 22nd of January 2021):</b></p> <p><b>Infected prisoners: 38</b> <b>Infected prison staff: 16</b> <b>Infected probation staff: 0</b></p> <p><b>(Self-)isolated prisoners: 83</b> <b>Self-isolated prison staff: 14</b> <b>Self-isolated probation staff: 0</b></p>
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	0	13			<p>COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates - 226 Prison staff – 28</p> <p>COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic – 0</p>
Finland	2	0			<p>COVID-19 situation in Finland, 18 January 2021: Prisoners - Current cases: 2 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 9, coronavirus-related deaths: 0 ) Staff - Current cases: 0 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic : 15, coronavirus-related deaths: 0 )</p>

Georgia	0	0			
Hungary	95	504			<p>Current COVID-19 cases as of 22/12/2020:  Inmates - 95  Prison staff – 504</p> <p>COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic:  Inmates - 517  Prison staff –1208</p> <p>COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic – 2 inmates</p>
Ireland	49	225			Numbers in custody: 3,678
Israel	176	134			<p>As of Jan 18th :</p> <p>Inmates  Confirmed: 176 , Quarantine: 191</p> <p>Staff  Confirmed: 134, Quarantine: 368</p>
Italy	624	647			<p>Please find below the data about COVID-19 infections among prisoners and staff as of Monday 11 January 2021, published on the webpage of the Italian Ministry of Justice  <a href="https://www.giustizia.it/giustizia/it/mg_2_27.page">https://www.giustizia.it/giustizia/it/mg_2_27.page</a>.</p> <p>PRISONERS  Total number of prisoners present: 52404  Infected prisoners (active cases as of 11 January 2021): 624  Of which:  587 without symptoms  11 with symptoms (followed inside prisons)  26 hospitalized outside prisons</p> <p>PENITENTIARY POLICE STAFF  Total number of Penitentiary Police staff members on duty: 36939  Infected Penitentiary Police officers (active cases as of 11 January 2021): 647  Of which:  622 at home  11 at their barrack room  14 hospitalized</p> <p>PRISON GOVERNORS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF  Total number of staff: 4021  Infected staff members (active cases as of 11 January 2021): 61  Of which:  60 at home  1 hospitalized</p>
Latvia	25	54			<p>Here are the latest numbers from Latvia on 15 January 2021:</p> <p>25 infected prisoners  54 infected staff members  COVID-related deaths – 0.</p>
Lithuania	59	136			<p>Please find below updated COVID-19 situation in the Lithuanian prison system (current cases on 18 January 2021)</p> <p>infected inmates: 59  infected staff: 136  infected probation staff: 5</p>
Luxembourg					<p>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).</p> <p>We don't track cases among staff members.</p>
Malta	1	1			1 prisoner still not recovered

Moldova	87	316			<p>COVID-19 as of 24.01.2021</p> <p>Inmates:</p> <p>1) Total tests since the beginning of the pandemic – 263;</p> <p>2) Total confirmed inmates since the beginning of the pandemic – 87;</p> <p>3) At the treatment (active cases) – 0;</p> <p>4) Death among inmates – 0;</p> <p>Staff members:</p> <p>1) Total confirmed staff members since the beginning of the pandemic – 316;</p> <p>2) At the treatment (active cases) – 11;</p>
Netherlands	142				<p>137 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within the prison administration;</p> <p>3 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within forensic care;</p> <p>1 confirmed C-19 infection among detainees within a correctional facility for juvenile offenders;</p> <p>1 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within detention centres;</p> <p>Total: 142 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees.</p>
Northern Ireland					<p>The statistics for the Northern Ireland Prison Service are as follows:</p> <p>1,947 prisoners have been tested up to 16:00 hrs on 15/12/2020 and 45 results are awaited. 98 prisoners have refused the offer of testing.</p> <p>2 prisoners have tested positive for COVID-19 within the general population, 4 prisoners tested positive in committal quarantine, 1 prisoner tested positive prior to committal and 1 prisoner long-term in outside hospital (outbreak on ward).</p> <p>No prisoners have died of Covid-19</p>
Norway	44	88			As of 18th January, in total 88 staff members and 44 inmates/convicted persons have been infected by Covid-19. 8 staff members have still not recovered. All inmates/convicted persons have recovered.
Poland	75	103			<p>Find below updated information about the number of infections in Poland (19/01/2021):</p> <p>- The total number of inmates is 68 165 of which 75 infected that constitutes 0,11%.</p> <p>- The total number of officers and civilian employees is 29 295 of which 103 infected what constitutes 0,35 %.</p>
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	80	221			<p>Current COVID-19 cases as of 22/12/2020:</p> <p>Inmates - 80</p> <p>Prison staff – 221</p> <p>COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic:</p> <p>Inmates - 743</p> <p>Prison staff –752</p>
Slovenia	36	63			<p>The numbers for Prison Administration of the Republic of Slovenia are following (13 October):</p> <p>7 staff members positive on COVID-19,</p> <p>0 inmates positive on COVID-19.</p>
Spain	257	274			<p>Officers: Positive cases 274/Under observation 316.</p> <p>Inmates: 257/428.</p>
Spain - Catalonia	56	74			<p>In Catalonia, since March 2020 to date, the numbers are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Staff: 74 active cases (356 recovered, total 430)</li> <li>•Inmates: 56 active cases (472 recovered, total 528)</li> </ul> <p>Unfortunately the rise in numbers in our prisons, reflects the rise in numbers in the community as in the whole of Spain we are experiencing the 3rd wave.</p> <p>Family visits have not been suspended.</p>
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
Catalonia	With regard to the question from the Hungarian Prison Service, in Catalan prisons the vaccination of inmates will follow the same criteria applicable to the general population (age group and underlying health conditions). It will be voluntary and 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
Italy	The Pfizer vaccine will be the first vaccine provided in Italy as soon as it is authorized by the relevant regulating bodies for the distribution to the general population (European Agency, EMA and Italian Agency, AIFA). The priority shall be given to healthcare services workers and to persons accommodated in nursing homes. On the basis of the technical assessment by the Ministry of Health, the prison population and the law enforcement agencies, including the Penitentiary Police staff, will probably be included in the second priority group of the vaccine campaign. The vaccine will be free of charge, not compulsory but strongly recommended, starting from the categories most at risk also among prisoners.
Israel	Staff: 85% of the staff got the first shot of the vaccine. This week we started the second one.  Inmates: 1300 inmates got the first shot of the vaccine. During this week we will vaccinate the inmates who agreed to get the vaccine. We started with the elderly and the sick inmates but eventually every inmates will be vaccinated.
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	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.
Romania	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.
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.