



**COVID-19 Feedback
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| | <i>Infected Prisoner</i> | <i>Infected Staff</i> | <i>Dead Prisoner</i> | <i>Dead Staff</i> | |
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| Austria | 5 | 8 | | | As of February 25, 2021 |
| Belgium | 150 | | | | COVID-19 related situation in the Belgian prison service: Since the beginning of the pandemic, 762 detainees have tested positive (66 new cases last week). There are currently 150 infectious COVID patients in prison / 3 of them in external hospital. |
| Bulgaria | 2 | 13 | | | Current Covid-19 cases as of 07.01.2020: Inmates – 2; Prison staff – 13. Covid-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates – 53; Prison staff – 362. COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic: Prison staff – 2; Inmates – 3. |
| Cyprus | 0 | 7 | | | 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. 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. |
| Czech Republic | 753 | 373 | | | . |
| Croatia | 22 | 20 | | | Infected prisoners: 22 In (self-)isolation – prisoners: 87 Infected prison staff: 18 In self-isolation – prison staff: 11 Infected probation staff: 2 In self-isolation – probation staff: 0 Total (cumulative) numbers since the beginning of the pandemic, until 16th of March 2021: Testing – prisoners: 5851 Tested positive – prisoners: 384 In (self-)isolation – prisoners: 734 (*Number of prisoners who are in isolation by the decision of authorized epidemiologist. In addition, all newly admitted prisoners are isolated following their admission for preventive reasons). Testing – prison staff: 2389 Tested positive – prison staff: 199 In self-isolation – prison staff: 850 |
| Denmark | 105 | 226 | | | Number of COVID-19 cases in the Danish Prison and Probation Service as of April 12.th is: COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates: 105 Prison staff: 226 COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic: 0 |
| England and Wales | | | | | https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hm-prison-and-probation-service-covid-19-statistics |

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| Estonia | 0 | 0 | | <p>Current Covid-19 cases in Estonia as of 05.04.2021: Inmates 9 Prison staff 9 Covid-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates 308 Prison staff 134 COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic: Prison staff 0 Inmates 0</p> |
| Finland | 13 | 2 | | <p>Here are the current (13 April 2021) figures from Finland: Prisoners - Current cases: 13 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 46, deaths: 0) Staff - Current cases: 2 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 28, deaths: 0)</p> |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | | <p>On behalf of Georgian Penitentiary System let me kindly inform that till December, 2020 there was no single COVID-19 cases confirmed in Georgian PEs among convicts. Since December 31, 2020, Special Penitentiary Service of Georgia (SPS) has been actively testing inmates with PCR tests in all PEs (13 in total). As the result of intensive testing last weeks, none of the COVID-19 cases has been confirmed. To date, 22752 PCR tests have been undertaken in PEs. In total, 194 cases of COVID-19 has been confirmed within all PEs and to date this number is reduced to zero. In order to keep such results, preventive measures within PEs is continued and PCR tests are undertaken in each PE once a month.</p> |
| 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 | 105 | 327 | | <p>Numbers in custody: 3,753; as of 8th April 2021.</p> |
| Israel | 51 | 19 | | <p>Here is an update from Israel Prison Service as of 18.3.2021:</p> <p>Staff: Confirmed – 19 Recovered – 1,160 In quarantine – 48</p> <p>Inmates: Confirmed – 51 Recovered – 1,105 In quarantine – 107</p> <p>Vaccines: Staff: 98.8% of staff received the first shot. 83.4% of staff received the second shot.</p> <p>Inmates: 10,839 inmates received the first shot. 9,431 inmates received the second shot.</p> |

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| Italy | 458 | 709 | | <p>Monday 15 March 2021, published on the webpage of the Italian Ministry of Justice https://www.giustizia.it/giustizia/it/mg_2_27.page. NEWS: we are providing also the number of inmates and of staff members who have been vaccinated against COVID-19</p> <p>PRISONERS Total number of prisoners present: 52,591 Infected prisoners (active cases on 15 March 2021): 458 Of which: 426 without symptoms 10 with symptoms (followed inside prisons) 22 hospitalized outside prisons Total inmates vaccinated against COVID-19 until 15 March 2021 1,799</p> <p>PENITENTIARY POLICE STAFF Total number of Penitentiary Police staff members on duty: 36,939 Infected Penitentiary Police officers (active cases on 15 March 2021): 659 Of which: 628 at home 15 at their barrack room 16 hospitalized Total Penitentiary Police staff vaccinated against COVID-19 until 15 March 2021 9,797</p> <p>PRISON GOVERNORS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF Total number of staff: 4,021 Infected staff members (active cases on 15 March 2021): 50 Of which: 50 at home Total prison governors, administrative and technical staff vaccinated against COVID-19 until 15 March 2021 803</p> |
| Latvia | 33 | 12 | | Numbers as of April 12th |
| Lithuania | 12 | 9 | | <p>Updated situation in the Lithuanian prison service (22 March 2021): Infected inmates: 12 Infected staff: 9 Infected probation staff: 1</p> |
| Luxembourg | 19 | - | | Since the beginning of the pandemic, 19 detainees have been tested positive for COVID-19 in Luxembourg (as of March 1st). |
| Malta | 1 | 1 | | <p>1 prisoner still not recovered 11 Correctional Officers all recovered 1 Administration staff member still not recovered</p> |
| Moldova | 32 | 17 | | <p>COVID-19 as of 29.03.2021 Inmates: 1) Total tests since the beginning of the pandemic – 520; 2) Total confirmed inmates since the beginning of the pandemic – 157; 3) At the treatment (active cases) – 32; 4) Death among inmates – 0;</p> <p>Staff members: 1) Total confirmed staff members since the beginning of the pandemic – 409; 2) At the treatment (active cases) – 17; 3) Death among staff members NAP – 2.</p> |
| Netherlands | 18 | | | <p>Current number as of the 31st of March: 16 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within the prison administration; 1 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within forensic care; 0 confirmed C-19 infection among detainees within a correctional facility for juvenile offenders; 1 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within detention centres; Total: 18 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees.</p> |
| Northern Ireland | | | | <p>The statistics for the Northern Ireland Prison Service are as follows: 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. 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). No prisoners have died of Covid-19</p> |
| Norway | 106 | 121 | | <p>Please find below the last figures from the Norwegian correctional service. The update is from March 22nd. In total 121 staff members and 106 inmates/convicted persons have been infected by Covid 19. 16 staff members and 43 inmates/convicted persons have still not recovered.</p> |

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| Poland | 31 | 104 | | | Find below updated information about the number of infections in Poland (01/02/2021): The total number of inmates: 68 828 of which 31 infected that constitutes 0.04 %. The total number of officers and civilian employees: 29 295 of which 104 infected that constitutes 0.35 % |
| 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 | | | Current COVID-19 cases as of 22/12/2020: Inmates - 80 Prison staff – 221 COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates - 743 Prison staff –752 COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic – 0 |
| Slovenia | 51 | 45 | | | Current Covid-19 cases as of 27.01.2021: Inmates – 51; Prison staff – 45. Covid-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic: Inmates – 179; Prison staff – 175. COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic: Prison staff – 0; Inmates – 0. |
| Spain | 6 | 22 | | | Our data for April are: Officers: active cases 22/under observation 49. Inmates: 6/6. |
| Spain - Catalonia | 66 | 61 | | | In Catalonia since March 2020 to date the numbers are as follows: Staff: 61 active cases (483 recovered, total 544) Inmates: 66 active cases (698 recovered, total 764) |
| Sweden | 34 | | | | As of February second, the numbers of infected prisoners within the Swedish Prison and Probation Service are as follow; Total number of infected prisoners; 503 Total number of recovered prisoners (from Covid-19 infection); 469 Currently infected prisoners; 34 |

Please, provide number of attempts for suicide and number of suicides of inmates for this year and for the same period of the last year.

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| Bulgaria | Attempts for suicide | N/A | 32 | * There was one suicide by self-hanging in January 2021 Regarding the registered suicide attempts, they are reported by the medical centers in summarized statistical information at the end of the year as a total number |
| | Suicide | 1 | 0 | |
| Estonia | Attempts for suicide | 0 | 1 | |
| | Suicide | 1 | 1 | |
| Northern Ireland | Attempts for suicide | we do not record this data | N/A | |
| | Suicide | 1 self-inflicted death | 0 | |
| Spain | Attempts for suicide | 15 | 31 | |
| | Suicide | 7 | 13 | |
| Latvia | Attempts for suicide | 2 | 4 (one by woman) | From 1 January 2021 till 22 March 2021 – 2 prisoners attempted for suicide (one of them twice in one day) |
| | Suicide | 1 | 0 | |
| Finland | Attempts for suicide | ? | ? | |
| | Suicide | 1 | 1 | |
| Belgium | Attempts for suicide | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | |
| | Suicide | 2 | 3 | |
| Romania | Attempts for suicide | 19 | * | *Unfortunately at this point we only have the numbers for the whole year, so in 2020, we had 86 cases of suicide attempts |
| | Suicide | 4 | 6 | |
| | | January - March 2021 | January - March 2020 | |

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| Catalonia | Attempts for suicide | 12 | 23 |
| | Suicide | 3 | 3 |
| Sweden | | January - March 2021 | January - March 2020 |
| | Attempts for suicide | - | - |
| Norway | | January - March 2021 | January - March 2020 |
| | Attempts for suicide | 1 | 11 |
| Denmark | | January - March 2021 | January - March 2020 |
| | Attempts for suicide | 5 | 9 |
| | Suicide | 1 | 2 |

England and Wales
 Unfortunately we will only be able to share the published Safety in Custody statistics (link below)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/safety-in-custody-statistics>
 This provides data on self-inflicted deaths up to December 2020, and for self-harm up to September 2020. The next quarterly data will be published at the end of April.

Do you perceive that the COVID-19 situation influence the prison population in a way that inmates tend to harm themselves more frequently? Or alternatively, have you recorded an increase in the numbers of suicides/attempts for suicide due to the COVID-19 situation and related restrictions applied on prison populations (e.g. suspension of prison visits and similar)?

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| Estonia | No |
| Belgium | The suicide rate for the year 2020 is 13.48 per 10,000 inmates, compared to 15.59 in 2018 and 11.36 in 2019. It is therefore not possible to speak of a substantial increase despite the containment measures. |
| Finland | Covid-19 has not greatly impacted self-harm or suicide rates in Finnish prisons. There is no significant increase in figures. Reasons for prisoners self-harm or suicide in Finland remain highly focused on current individuals personal issues or are related to the crime committed or sentence given or about to be given. Our statistical classification between attempted suicide and self-harm is a bit unclear and therefore we did not give exact numbers on attempts |
| Sweden | Unfortunately, the SPPS do not have any statistics about attempts for suicide related to the pandemic. We measure the number of self harming incidents in total, not taking into account the intention of the acting. No suicides committed during 2021. |
| Catalonia | The number of suicides during the Covid-19 time has been similar to that in 2019 whereas the attempts of suicide have decreased. A total increase in numbers has been recorded with regard to non-severe self-harm incidents. This aspect could reveal a possible influence of the restrictive measures that have been in place in prisons during Covid-19, however, the increasing trends have not been recorded in all of the prisons, thus this assumption is not generally applicable. |
| Latvia | The Latvian Prison Administration considers that, at the moment, COVID-19 situation has not influenced prisoners to harm themselves. |
| Netherlands | Within the institutions of the Dutch Custodial Institutions Agency we do not see an increase in the suicide attempts. Furthermore, no general claim can be made regarding a relationship between de suicide attempts and the situation regarding Covid-19. |
| Norway | We consider it too early to conclude about the influence of Covid-19 on the behaviour of inmates. The results of our analysis of reports on suicide, suicide attempts and attempts to harm oneself, do not indicate that there has been an increase in attempts to harm oneself or suicide attempts because of Covid-19. Analysis of the actual cases, show that the inmates who are subject to harming themselves/attempting to commit suicide, already are mentally ill, and that their diagnosis and problems escalate because they are in prison. |
| Northern Ireland | In Northern Ireland we have not seen an increase in self-harm during the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people supported under our Supporting People at Risk Evolution approach has remained low. |
| Bulgaria | At this moment we have not come to a conclusion that there is a connection between the suicide attempts and the Covid-19 situation. |

Updated information about the visits in prisons per country. Are they suspended now or organised with special security measures?

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| Spain | In the jurisdiction of the General Directorate of Spain, visits depend on the specific sanitary situation of each prison. Nevertheless, from a general perspective, it can be said that visits are taking place again under specific measures. |
| Ireland | Please be advised that currently due to Covid 19 and level 5 restrictions in place in Ireland, there are no physical visits, prisoner/family visits are conducted through Videolink. |
| Norway | In Norway the infection rate is currently very high, and many prisons have inmates infected with Covid-19. Because of this, in many prisons it is not possible to allow for visits, at the same time as there might be regional differences. |
| Estonia | In Estonia long-term family visits are still cancelled. Short-term visits in secured individual rooms where visitors and detainees are separated by glass continue as normal, while following all hygiene and disinfection requirements. |
| Latvia | In Latvian prisons visits are still suspended |
| Netherlands | The detainees can receive one adult visitor at a time. During the visit they are separated by glass |
| Finland | In Finland prison visits are restricted in those regions where the COVID-19 epidemic is in the acceleration stage or in the spreading stage. However, we try to arrange visits of the children of the prisoners in a corona safe way if only possible |
| Lithuania | In Lithuania contactless prison visits are allowed since 6 March (max 2 visitors, up to 1 hr). PPE and maintaining 2 m distance is mandatory. |
| Northern Ireland | The Northern Ireland Prison Service have suspended in person visits at this time and this decision is kept under regular review. Video visits continue to be offered. |
| Belgium | Visits in Belgian prisons are still possible on condition that the necessary measures are taken. Since 1 February, children between the ages of 12 and 15 are again admitted to the table visit and the regular visitor can change after four weeks. The changes are important for the well-being and family contacts of the detainees. The current prevention and protection measures in place in prisons (e.g. no physical contact, respect for cleanliness rules, etc.) ensure that these changes to the visiting rules can be implemented in a safe manner. A maximum of one permanent adult visitor (≥ 16 years) is allowed for a minimum of four weeks. Afterwards the visitor may change. It is the detainee who has to request this. For children a maximum of 2 children (< 16 years) is allowed, this does not always have to be the same children. |
| England and Wales | Following instructions for people to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives, introduced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, HMPPS prison visits are temporarily cancelled. |