



**COVID-19  
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	<i>Infected Prisoner</i>	<i>Infected Staff</i>	<i>Dead Prisoner</i>	<i>Dead Staff</i>	
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	110	235			<b>Number of COVID-19 cases in the Danish Prison and Probation Service as of April 26.th is:</b>  <b>COVID-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic:</b> Inmates: 110 Prison staff: 235  <b>COVID-19 related deaths among inmates and prison staff since the beginning of the pandemic: 0</b>
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	2	4			<p>Current Covid-19 cases in Estonia as of 21.04.2021:  Inmates 2  Prison staff 4</p> <p>Covid-19 cases since the beginning of the pandemic:  Inmates 310  Prison staff 137</p> <p>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>
France	179	346			<p>Here are the current (16 April 2021) figures from France:</p> <p>Prisoners :  Current cases: 179 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 2615 among which total recovered : 2353, deaths: 3)</p> <p>Staff :  Current cases: 346 (total cumulative number of cases during the epidemic: 4165 among which total recovered: 3757, deaths: 2)</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.</p> <p>To date, 22752 PCR tests have been undertaken in PEs.</p> <p>In total, 194 cases of COVID-19 has been confirmed within all PEs and to date this number is reduced to zero.</p> <p>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	328			<p>number of infected prisoners/staff as at 15th April 2021. Number in Custody: 3,758</p>
Israel	51	19			<p>Here is an update from IPS – Israel Prison Service,</p> <p>Staff:  No confirmed staff.  1 in quarantine.</p> <p>Inmates:  11 confirmed.  No quarantine.</p>

Italy	821	598		<p>Monday 12 April 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>. We are providing also the number of inmates and of staff members who have been vaccinated against COVID-19</p> <p><b>PRISONERS</b> Total number of prisoners present: 52,466 Infected prisoners (active cases on 12 April 2021): 821 Of which: 787 without symptoms 13 with symptoms (followed inside prisons) 21 hospitalized outside prisons Total inmates vaccinated against COVID-19 until 12 April 2021 8,485</p> <p><b>PENITENTIARY POLICE STAFF</b> Total number of Penitentiary Police staff members on duty: 36,939 Infected Penitentiary Police officers (active cases on 12 April 2021): 573 Of which: 557 at home 4 at their barrack room 12 hospitalized Total Penitentiary Police staff vaccinated against COVID-19 until 12 April 2021 15,998</p> <p><b>PRISON GOVERNORS, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF</b> Total number of staff: 4,021 Infected staff members (active cases on 12 April 2021): 41 Of which: 41 at home Total prison governors, administrative and technical staff vaccinated against COVID-19 until 12 April 2021 1,683</p>
Latvia	81	16		Numbers as of April 28th
Lithuania	11	30		<p>Please find below the updated information from the Lithuanian prison system (of 14 April 2021):</p> <p>infected prisoners - 11 infected staff – 30 infected probation staff -</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	1	7		<p><b>COVID-19 situation as of 26.04.2021</b> <b>Inmates:</b></p> <p>1) Total tests since the beginning of the pandemic – 568; 2) Total confirmed inmates since the beginning of the pandemic – 166; 3) At the treatment (active cases) – 1; 4) Death among inmates – 0; 5) Vaccinated - 5.</p> <p><b>Staff members:</b></p> <p>1) Total confirmed staff members since the beginning of the pandemic – 432; 2) At the treatment (active cases) – 7; 3) Death among staff members NAP – 2; 4) Total staff members vaccinated - 211; a) medical staff - 89;</p>
Netherlands	60			<p>Current number as of the 21st of April: 56 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees within the prison administration; 3 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: 60 confirmed C-19 infections among detainees.</p>
Northern Ireland	15	153		<p>To date 153 staff have tested positive for the virus. 15 prisoners have tested positive. 4 within general population. 7 tested positive in committal quarantine, 1 tested positive prior to committal and 3 tested positive in outside hospital. Outbreaks in the wards they were in.</p>

Norway	139	160			The current figures from the Norwegian correctional service are as follows; The update is from April 19th.  In total 160 staff members and 139 inmates/convicted persons have been infected by Covid 19. 14 staff members and 9 inmates/convicted persons have still not recovered.
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	20	22			Our data are: Officers: Active cases 22 / Under observation 46. Inmates: 20 / 60.
Spain - Catalonia	15	46			Inmates: 15 active cases and 511 already recovered (total 526) Staff: 46 active cases and 834 already recovered (total 880)
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.				
		January - March 2021	January - March 2020	
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
Catalonia	Attempts for suicide	12	23
	Suicide	3	3
Sweden	Attempts for suicide	-	-
	Suicide	0	1
Norway	Attempts for suicide	1	11
	Suicide	3	1
Denmark	Attempts for suicide	5	9
	Suicide	1	2
England and Wales	<p>Unfortunately we will only be able to share the published Safety in Custody statistics (link below)</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/safety-in-custody-statistics">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/safety-in-custody-statistics</a></p> <p>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.</p>		
<b>Could you please provide statistics on the numbers of both prisoners and staff vaccinated in your prisons?</b>			
Israel	<p>99% of the staff are either vaccinated / recovered.  80% of the inmates are either vaccinated / recovered.  the routine is back in our facilities for vaccinated inmates.  Inmates can leave the cells to the education centers, to the production centers, to participate in group sessions, etc.  Inmates can go on a 24 hours vacation at home but they have to stay home.  Upon returning to the prison they have to be tested for Covid-19, once the test come back negative they can go back to their cells.  For vaccinated staff and visitors,  There is no need to check temperature upon entrance to our facilities once one is vaccinated.  There is no need to wear masks outdoor.  Conferences indoor can be held up to 50 participants (all must be vaccinated).  Conferences outdoor can be held up to 150 participants.  Staff can travel abroad.  If they travel to "green country", upon returning to work they must take Covid-19 tests.  If they travel to "red country", upon returning to work they must stay home (considered as vacation) and must take 2 Covid-19 tests before returning to work/  In general, Life in Israel are going back to routine. School, restaurant, theaters is back for all vaccinated population.</p>		
Lithuania	<p>the number of inmates and staff who have already got vaccination in Lithuania:  vaccinated inmates: 157  vaccinated staff: 678</p>		
Belgium	<p>Only 23 prisoners in Belgian prisons have already been vaccinated.</p> <p>As far as the number of staff is concerned, this vaccination happens in the neighbourhood of your place of living. We have no insight into this.</p>		
Denmark	<p>Statistics on the numbers of both prisoners and staff vaccinated in your prisons?  Vaccination is handled by the Danish health authorities. Information about whether a person wish to receive the vaccine or not is not disclosed.  In general 519.199 or 8,9 % of the Danish population has been vaccinated and 1. 097.436 or 18,8 % has started vaccination.</p>		
Northern Ireland	<p><b>NIPS vaccination programme mirrors that within the community. All prisoners in the 45+ years categories , clinically extremely vulnerable and at risk categories have been offered the first dose of their vaccine with a 92% uptake. As of 19th April, 454 prisoners have been vaccinated.</b></p> <p><b>NIPS does not hold information relating to staff vaccination uptake.</b></p> <p><b>The Northern Ireland Prison Service will reintroduce in person visits from early May. There will be a maximum of one visit allowed per week and only one adult visitor allowed. All social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place. Video visits will continue to be offered.</b></p>		
Finland	<p><b>In Finland 52 prisoners have received the vaccine. We don't have statistics on how many staff members have received the vaccine because they get the vaccines in the municipal healthcare like the general population.</b></p>		
France	<p>The Ministry of Health is in charge of the vaccination of the prison population according to the governmental priorities ( over 55 yeras old, inmates with comorbidity). Penitentiary administration doesn't have precise data on these figures.</p> <p>As of this weekend, prison officers over the age of 55 are considered as priority and can be vaccinated. They must present their professionnall card or to justify their profession. It is difficult to have a precise number of figures on this subject because the agent is free to tell his employer or not that he has been vaccinated.</p>		
Estonia	<p>Vaccinated (with at least one dose)  Prison staff 873  Inmates 237</p>		
Norway	<p>Regarding the question from Ireland, we do not have a complete overview yet of the number of persons (inmates and staff) that have received vaccinations in prisons. The municipalities are responsible for the vaccination scheme in Norway, and in some prisons they have just started with vaccinations.</p>		
England and Wales	<p>23% of staff working in prisons across England and Wales have recorded having received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>83% of prisoners currently eligible within cohorts 2-9 have received their first dose of the vaccine, which equates to 29% of the overall prison population in England and Wales.</p>		

Romania	In the Romanian Prison System, the number of inmates who have already got vaccinated is 2.456 and the vaccination process continues. Regarding the prison staff, we don't keep such evidences.
Luxembourg	In Luxembourg, all detainees had the possibility to be vaccinated on a voluntary basis by the end of March/beginning of April. 208 detainees which equals approximately 1/3 of the prison population (as of the 31st of March) have been vaccinated.  After a sudden increase of Covid-19 infections within the closed prison in Schrassig, the government decided mid-April on short notice that prison officers were to be prioritized for vaccination. In consequence, 249 prison officers chose to be vaccinated.  Medical and psychiatric personnel in the prisons had already been vaccinated, as they are part of the health sector.
Catalonia	In Catalonia vaccination of inmates and staff is making good progress and this is having a clear impact on reducing the number of new cases. I will try to provide more exact information soon.
Bulgaria	current status of the vaccination in the Bulgarian prisons: Phases 3 and 4 of the National Vaccination Plan for Covid-19 in Bulgaria are currently underway. These phases include employees involved in the maintenance of basic public life activities and persons over the age of 65, as well as persons with concomitant chronic diseases. According to the National Vaccination Plan against Covid-19 in the Republic of Bulgaria, prisoners/detainees, as a vulnerable group, are included in phase 5 of the plan due to the high epidemiological risk of infection related to living conditions and lifestyle. After the start of phase 5 and the completion of phase 3 of the National Vaccination Plan by Covid-19 in Bulgaria, we will be able to provide you with detailed statistics on vaccinated staff and prisoners.
Czech Republic	within the Czech Prison Service, the current vaccination figures are as follows: Staff members (total count: 11 300) 3253 received both doses  Inmates (total count: 19 000) 3 received both doses, 264 are waiting for the second dose please note that inmates are not considered a "preferential group" by the Government's Vaccination Strategy. In line with the principle of normality and equality of care, the same rules apply to inmate population as to the general society-population – therefore, at the moment, only the inmates over the age of 70 y.o. are eligible to be vaccinated.  Please bear in mind that the figures presented do not include individuals (staff members) who were inoculated outside the prison system (i.e. by their GP etc.). We do not have the particular data available at the moment.