

UPDATES OF FRENCH MAIN DECISIONS – CORONOVIRUS

French country is now at level 3.

The French penitentiary administration adapts its measures to the government owns.
The below are valid until March 31

1/ Note of march 17 – Level 3 – Organisation of the Probation Services

Regarding the organization of services

a) In prison :

- Arrival of new detainees: delivery of a document
- Follow-up of old files: exchanges by internal mail except for fragile prisoners maintenance of interviews in accordance with health protection rules
- Hotline to inform detainees relatives about the suspension of visiting rooms and answers to various questions. The visiting rooms are suspended until March 31
- The sentence adjustments (semi-liberté, placement extérieur) must be suspended or changed by the judge.
- The penalty enforcement commission will be held by electronic means with transmission of notices and only for urgent files.

b) Offices outside the prison :

- A staff attendance schedule by rotation must be established
- Telephone interviews only
- sending supporting documents electronically to justify
- suspension of collective care
- electronic surveillance is suspended in coordination with the judiciary authorities
- continuation of surveillance by telephone contact. Only for urgent situation and if not confirmed cases, home trips but with sanitary protections.

2/ Note of March 17 – level 3 - Movement and grouping restrictions

- Penitentiary staff is allowed to move and to go to work. They will have to show their pass, professional certificate or professional card.
- suspension of activities (social; education; sport in confined area; workshop; vocational training). For the minors, activities with the minor educators are maintained with the sanitary rules applied.
- Continuation of daily walk and outdoor sports for limited number of detainees

- suspension of religious activities
- Only cleaning, cooking, tobacco canteen, meal distribution and urgent maintenance with sanitary rules applied.
- Transfers (national and international) are suspended except for order and security measures
- suspension of visiting rooms from March 18. Detainees and their relatives have to be informed by any way.
- judicial extractions will be reduce and video conferences support will be preferred.

3 – Note of March 16 – Organisation in level 3

This note has been modified by the one of March 17.

The measures that are still current are :

The priority is to define an activity continuity plan (ACP) which contained the main missions and the means to do them.

The main missions are :

- Keep the security of the habities
- Distribute the meal
- Daily walk
- Shower access
- Medicine distribution
- Care access
- supply and tobacco distribution and hygiene

The means for that are :

- Stock up on tobacco for 15 days and on hygiene products more than usual.
- Stock up for food for cooking for the detainees and the staff for more than 5 days and for preparing soft meal.
- List the available staff. The training Academy will be closed. Fragile agents (pregnant, staff with severe disease or on special treatment) will have to stay home.