

LATEST UPDATES FROM FRANCE – June 3 -

The note of June 02, 2020 precise the orientations to be implemented until June 22 in this second phase of the deconfinement.

(For information : France map is divided into two colors : green (most of the country) and orange (in Paris and its suburbs).

The main measures are :

➤ **The transfers :**

Continuation of the gradual restart of national transfers of convicted prisoners but under conditions (from remand centers towards detention centers within the same interregional directorate, towards detention centers in green zone or to enter or leave special areas (radicalization, assessment center).

Court videoconferencing is still recommended to be used as much as possible during the deconfinement period.

The distancing and hygiene measures are still applied and wearing a mask is still compulsory.

Healthcare protection :

• *For the detainees :*

The incoming detainees are still remain under observation for a period of at least 14 days in the arriving quarter, or if necessary in any unit isolated from the rest of the detention designated for this purpose. Detainees arriving receive a virological screening test on the seventh day of their arrival. The terms of confinement can be reduced if the detained person is asymptomatic eight days after entering detention and negative on tests, according to terms defined locally by the healthcare service and the management of the establishment.

The establishments have received in recent weeks several supplies of single-use masks known as "general public" which they must make available to detained persons as soon as they are in contact with outside workers, or are taken outside. establishments: judicial and medical extractions, national or international administrative transfers, education, professional training and prison work, disciplinary committee, visiting rooms and care interviews, etc.

• *For the staff :*

Since March 28, 2020, in all penitentiary establishments, surgical masks have been made available to officers in direct and prolonged contact with the penal population, then to all officers in establishments as of May 5 (directors, officers and supervisory staff, technical teams, directors and penitentiary integration and probation advisers, administrative staff, pupils, trainees and non-permanent staff, etc.). During the month of June, 4 protective masks will be given to each agent, allowing the use of a mask every 4 hours, regardless of the agent's service life.

➤ **The extended resumption of visiting rooms and activities in detention**

The very strict health security rules defined during the first sentence of the deconfinement will continue to be implemented including in the green zone

- *Reservation of visiting rooms :*

Two visitors can now be authorized per detainee; in particular, an adult visitor may be accompanied by a child under the age of 16. Where applicable, families will be informed that they must ensure that minors comply with the barrier measures; in particular, minors over the age of 11 must wear a suitable protective mask. The restriction to one parlor per week per detainee could be lifted to take into account in particular the level of reservations noted during the first sentence of deconfinement which, locally, can allow the granting of one or two parlors additional; on the other hand, the maximum duration of the visiting rooms is maintained at one hour. There will always be separation devices in the visiting rooms or spacing. The physical distance rules will be applied between prisoners and their visitors. Access to visiting rooms remains prohibited for Covid-19 sick detainees and confined contact detainees, except where the fortnight was relieved by the USMP after a negative test on the 7th day. Access to family visiting rooms and family living units remains suspended during this phase of deconfinement.

The delivery of laundry to the visiting rooms is authorized from 2 June. Laundry must be stored for at least 24 hours in a dedicated space before being handed over to detainees; laundry must also be subject to in-depth security checks. The officers responsible for the search will be equipped with gloves and masks, in particular.

In the orange zone, the number of authorized laundry can be limited if necessary; in the green zone, the usual limitations must be strictly observed.

- *School activities :*

Since May 11, compulsory education for minors has generally been able to resume.

The gradual resumption of teaching for adults was able to be prepared by local teaching referents during the first phase of deconfinement and, in a few establishments, is in fact effective: it may be extended from June 2, each time at least as the number of teaching units will allow. Where applicable, detained persons registered for examinations, illiterate persons will be given priority. The layout of the rooms and groups will be identical to that set up for minors, namely the guarantee of a minimum distance of one meter between each table, or approximately 4 m² per student (health protocol of the Ministry of national education for the reopening of colleges and high schools) and support by groups, the number of which is adapted to the capacity of the teaching room and the nature of the teaching activity; in any case, teaching activities cannot bring together more than 10 people at a time. Teachers will need to wear protective masks, which are the responsibility of their administration, which they will wear upon entering detention. Individual care, in the form of tutorials and educational interviews, will be authorized.

- *Workshop and vocational training*

As of June 2, only the opening of new workshops in the orange zones remains subject to the regional validation procedure.

The gradual resumption of vocational training was prepared during the first phase of deconfinement; from June 2, it is up to school heads, regardless of the area considered, under the authority of the interregional directorates, to ensure that the health security conditions are met to allow the possible resumption of each course.

The gradual resumption of other activities Certain activities can resume, very gradually, during the second phase of deconfinement, in compliance with health rules, organizational capacities of establishments, availability of partners who animate the activities and finally, the more or less priority of activities with regard to the needs of the criminal population.

Thus, by June 22, the resumption of activity of associations and partners who work with fragile, isolated audiences, and as part of the maintenance of rights, administrative and legal support will be prioritized.

The second phase of deconfinement should also make it possible to prepare for the resumption of certain socio-cultural activities; this recovery can only be gradual from June 2 and, in any event, effective only in the green zone. These activities will be organized by the SPIP and the cultural coordinators or activity coordinators, in conjunction with external speakers, according to a calendar which will take into account the available staff of the establishments and compliance with health rules. In particular, activities involving physical contact or which do not allow physical distancing cannot be authorized. External contributors are subjected to the same controls at the entry as the families coming to the visiting rooms (presentation of the certificate on honor, wearing of the individual mask at the expense of the contributor, hand washing, etc.). In this spirit, interventions in individual interviews will be privileged in order to ensure physical distance.

- *Spiritual assistance*

The resumption of individual chaplains' interviews with detained persons is authorized in this new phase of deconfinement.

These interviews will be held in suitable places in detention, and not in cells in order to limit the entry into detention of outside workers, and in compliance with barrier gestures; chaplains must wear their protective masks. Celebrations or collective spiritual activities may not resume, regardless of the area, in polycultural rooms whose configuration does not allow strict compliance with barrier measures (physical distance, ventilation, absence of contact, etc.); in any event, collective celebrations cannot bring together more than 10 people at a time. As well, the toll-free numbers established by six of the seven national chaplains during containment are maintained.

- *Therapeutic activities*

Therapeutic group activities set up within health units and referred to in the doctrine of the Ministry of Solidarity and Health, the intervention of care and support and prevention centers in addictology (CSAPA) and reception and support centers for harm reduction for drug users (CAARUD) can take over in small groups, in close collaboration with health units.