

*“COVID19 infections among people in
prison, preliminary data from Villeneuve
les Maguelone, France”*

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Introduction

The Covid19 pandemic has completely affected public health in France and around the world

It is important that the Covid19 pandemic does not increase health inequalities for future generations, to take the right public policy measures, and in particular for prison



Introduction

- **Action:** 3 levels, Sanitary, Penitentiary and Judicial
- **Anticipation** : from the end of February 2020
- **Information** : health team, inmates, prison officials, private practitioners. Distribution and information flyers to all detainees.
- **Isolation** Zone dedicated to suspected Covid19 individuals

Penitentiary

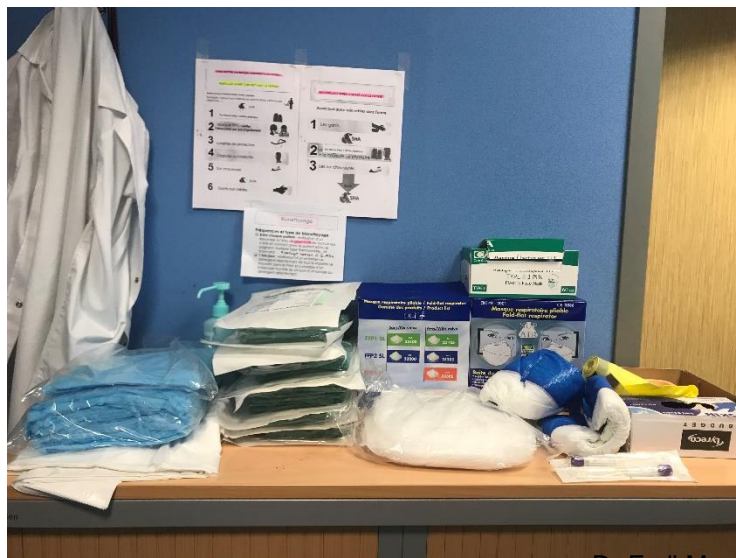
- Family visit and visits of other guests were stopped **March 17**
- All group activities (school, training, worship, sport...) were stopped



Sanitary issues

- Limitation of health care support activities
- Following consultations continue : Opiate Substitution Treatment (OST) systematic renewal, Dentist, Support for patients with somatic and psychiatric problems
- group activities were stopped
- Confinement as soon as symptoms are detected (disinfection of the cell and washing of the laundry)
- Different masks are in use (isolation)
- Cell visit: Two visits per day, one per nurse and the second nurse and doctor)
- Newly arriving people stay 14 days in the arrivals' quarter
- Material stock: SHA, masks, gowns, gloves, hats, overshoes, swabs, diagnobox, glasses, thermometers...)
- List of "vulnerable" people are created

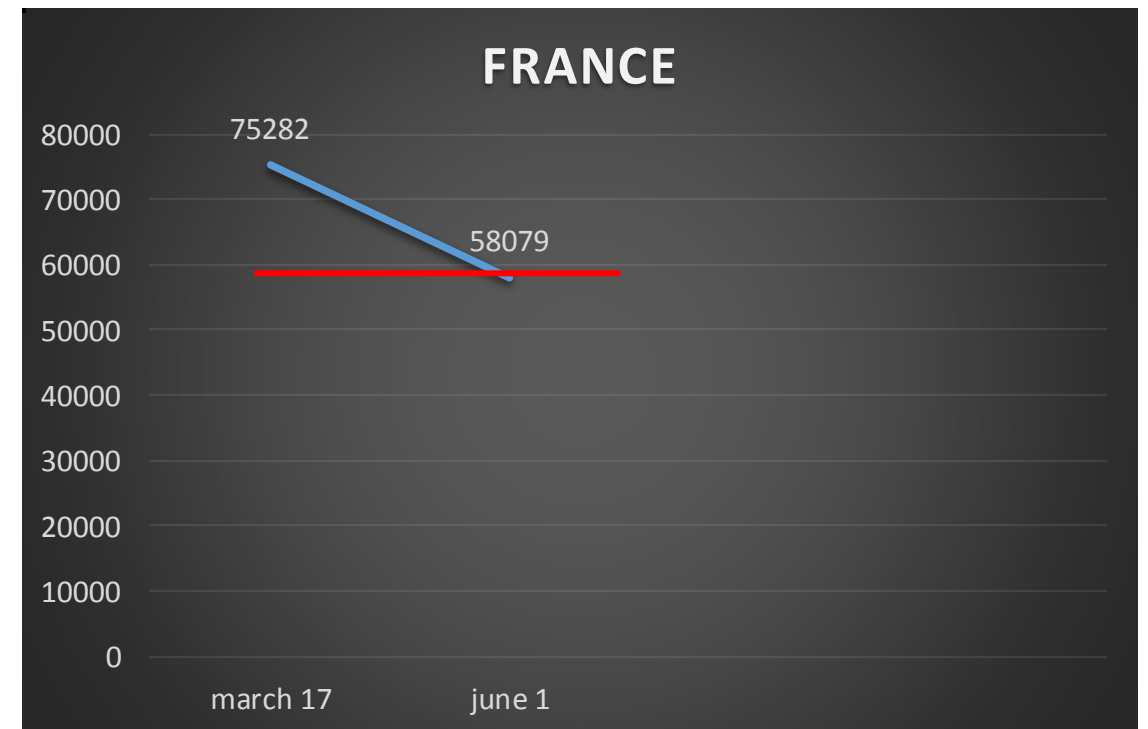
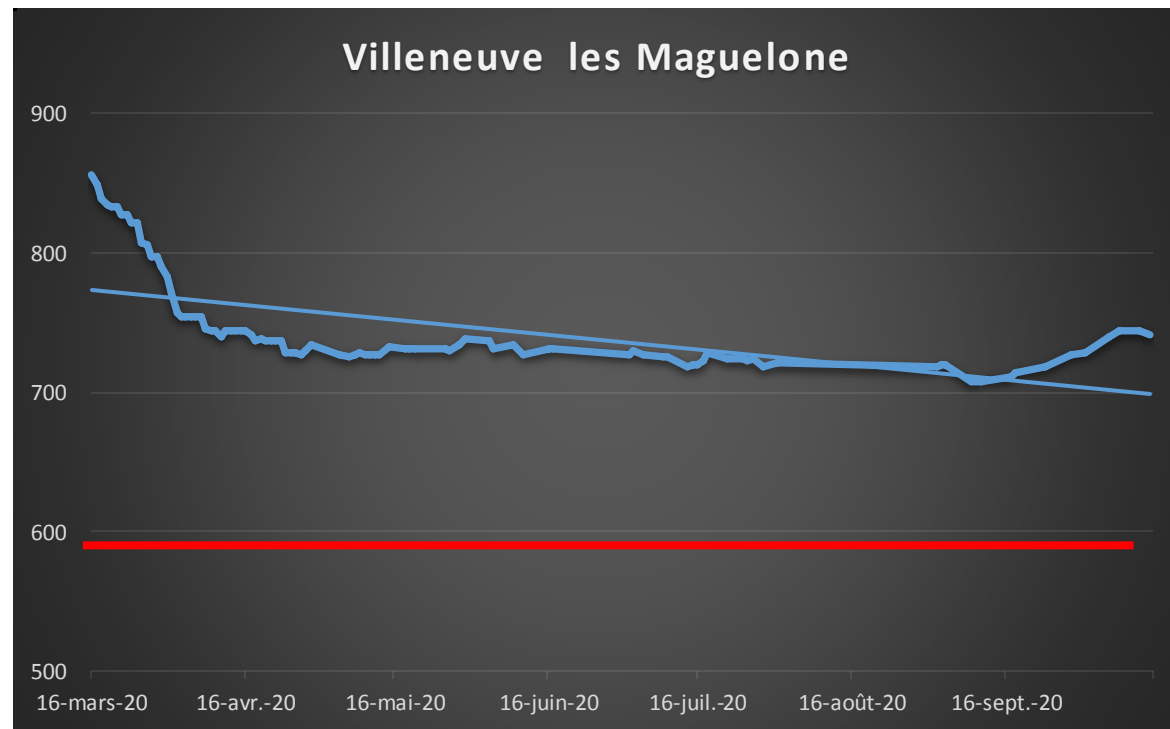




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Between March 17 and May 15

- Fewer arrivals
- A great deal of adjustment of sentences and early releases



Results Covid-19 on may 17

Villeneuve les Maguelone

France

67 people confined (cumulative)

611 people confined

3 minors

24 tests

2 positive

161 positive

1 hospitalized (as a precaution for 9 days)

0 death

1 death



Action at VLM

There are then 100 people imprisoned during this period: half as much as in 2019 for the same period.

Systematic proposal for HIV, Hep A, B, C Syphilis serology

Out of 100 entrants: 77 acceptances, but 5 released the same day.

72 acceptances,
and 60 people were screened:
4 released before convocation,
4 not shown,
4 refusal.

Hepatitis B:

1 Ag Hbs +
3 Ag Hbs - with Ac Hbc +
23 AgHbs - Ac Hbs +
Aghbs - ac Hbs -; only 8 people accepted the vaccination, 7 carried out.

- Hepatitis A: 34 Ab positive

Hepatitis C:

6 people Ab + (10%)

3 RNA - (including 2 having been treated)

3 RNA +, all treated (two people only stayed 3 months)

-HIV: 0

- Syphilis: 2 positive including 1 old cured, and a treaty

Sanitary issues: second wave?

- ~~Limitation of health care support activities:~~

- Following consultations continue : Opiate Substitution Treatment (OST) systematic renewal, Dentist, Support for patients with somatic and psychiatric problems
- group activities ~~were stopped~~ **recovery** with barrier gestures
- Confinement as soon as symptoms are detected (disinfection of the cell and washing of the laundry)
- Different masks are in use
- Cell visit: Two visits per day, one per nurse and the second nurse and doctor)
- Newly arriving people stay ~~14 days~~ in the arrivals' quarter **7 days**
- Material stock: SHA, masks, gowns, gloves, hats, overshoes, swabs, diagnobox, glasses, thermometers...)
- List of "vulnerable" people are created
- **test before hospital transfers (before surgery)**

Prison issues: second wave?

- Information : health team, inmates, prison officials, private practitioners. Distribution and information flyers to all detainees.
- Isolation Zone dedicated to suspected Covid19 individuals
- Family visit and visits of other guests ~~were stopped~~ March 17 recovery with barrier gestures
- All group activities (school, training, worship, sport...) ~~were stopped~~ recovery with barrier gestures

Distribution of a mask:

Health unit: since March 11

Prison staff: March 20 in detention and since May 12 for all prison staff

Inmates who work in prison: since May 12

Inmates at school, family visit, lawyer visit: since May 12

For all inmates (2/day): since October 19



Results Covid-19 on october 21

Villeneuve les Maguelone

50 people confined (cumulative)

50 tests

2 positive

0 hospitalized

0 death

