



Covid-19 Response in Prisons

Description

Health information on COVID-19 is done through inmates leadership and are empowered to champion it in the various cells and blocks every day.

There are block/cells public health education weekly by the prison Clinic staff headed by the Medical Officer. Inmates are educated on basic preventive measures such as proper handwashing techniques, proper use of nose masks and gloves if the need arises. Self-isolation and activation of the protocol for isolation and quarantine have been instituted.

A health alert flyer/poster has been developed and sent to all the Prison stations in Ghana for public health campaign two months prior to confirmation of an index case in Ghana.

A general communal labour comprising of both Officers and inmates was organized to clean the prison community environment (prisons and Officers Barracks). The prison and the surrounding community were fumigated.

There has been administration instruction to limit prisoner visits to one person per week per prisoner. There is no contact with the visitor and the prisoner as well. All visitors wash their hands, apply sanitizer, temperature monitoring using an infrared thermometer and a history taken of travel to endemic zone or contact with a COVID19 case. All Officers goes through this screening before

Suspended outside labour by prisoners and stopped all religious and group visits to the prisons.

All court sittings and police transfer of remand prisoners suspended.



The prisons have earmarked a place for observation of new admissions and an isolation room at the prison clinic.

All prisons are linked to the regional health directorate and hence the national protocol is activated when there is a suspected or a confirmed case.

All newly admitted inmates are kept in an observation room for 10- 14days.

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