



## **Fighting Strategy COVID-19**

### **Norway**

#### **1. What is the COVID-19 fighting strategy of your government (National, local)?**

The national and local strategy was to lockdown to control and stop the spread of the SARS-CoV-2. People were asked to stay home; the schools and kindergartens were closed. Groups were maximized to 5 persons with a minimum distance of 2 meters inside and 1 meter outside. Use of a second house (ex. in the mountains for skiing) outside your community was prohibited. The main goal of the strategy was to reduce the load of patients needing intensive care in hospitals.

#### **2. What is the strategy towards the population (Mask wearing, containment ...)?**

See above. In Norway the authorities have not recommended using facemasks, but frequently wash hands and surfaces with soap and/or disinfection solutions.

#### **3. Are there enough masks for the population in your country?**

Yes

#### **4. Are there enough masks and personal protective equipment for health professionals?**

At a time, we were a bit short, but as the rate of new cases declined, the supplies were sufficient.

#### **5. What is the biological screening strategy (Polymerase Chain Reaction – PCR, serological tests, )?**

PCR

#### **6. Do you have enough biological screening tests?**

After some time, the capacity was increased to a sufficient level, but we had to prioritize.

**7. Do you have enough beds for inpatients? (intensive care and other)**

Yes

**8. Do you increase the number of intensive care beds in your country?**

Yes, the numbers were doubled.

**9. Do you have enough human resources to manage the epidemic?**

Yes, because the load of patients has not been too high.

**10. Do you have guidelines for good practices between healthcare teams and physicians in the context of the COVID-19 crisis?**

Yes. They were made in the beginning of the pandemic, based on experiences in other countries as China and Italy.

**11. What are the main challenges for hospital managers during the COVID-19 crisis?**

To balance the capacity of the need of ICU beds to all other activity and to secure the sufficient capacity of treatment to patients with other diseases than COVID-19.

**12. Other important information?**