**Covid-19 and Islands**

**Læsø*, Denmark***

1. What actions are being taken to protect the island community from Covid 19? In particular, how are travel restrictions being put in place and enforced?

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| Helene Pristed Nielson  Aalborg University  [pristed@dps.aau.dk](mailto:pristed@dps.aau.dk) | 27 March 2020 | * Full guidance on measures relating to ferry travel found [here](https://www.laesoe-line.dk/coronavirus.8388.aspx). It includes:   + Reduced itinerary   + Passengers must stay in cars during crossing   + Cash sales and personal handling are closed   + Bistro on board is closed   + All with suspected contamination must contact Læsø ferry before crossing   + All must use the liquid dispensers set up and follow the recommendations of the Health Board * Public toilets are closed. A significant part of the prevention is cleaning, and the closure of the toilets will free up resources to ensure other cleaning. * All municipal staff who do not perform critical functions have been sent home except, for example, employees in the health care sector, the elderly, the police and those who work with the socially vulnerable. * From 13 March, the school, children's home, library, youth club as well as other leisure facilities in municipal buildings have been closed. * Emergency preparedness will be established at the School and Children's Home. * All other government orders / advice are being implemented per the PM’s announcement on 11 March. |

1. What actions will be taken should people on the island have Covid 19?

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1. What actions are being taken to ensure that essential goods and services are provided to the island community?

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| Helene Pristed Nielson  Aalborg University  [pristed@dps.aau.dk](mailto:pristed@dps.aau.dk) | 27 March 2020 | * The municipality is trying to maintain as much normal operation as possible. * Public transport including bus and ferry traffic is being maintained. * The municipality's emergency preparedness is activated to ensure that important community functions can continue, but many less important functions cannot be maintained. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure that people working on the islands, not only in the tourism sector, are sustained financially in the short term and in the long term?

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| Helene Pristed Nielson  Aalborg University  [pristed@dps.aau.dk](mailto:pristed@dps.aau.dk) | 27 March 2020 | The government has offered a broad policy agreement on full compensation for fixed costs for closed businesses and commited to spend a three-figure sum on relief. |

1. What actions are being taken to ensure the mental well-being of people on the islands?

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| Helene Pristed Nielson  Aalborg University  [pristed@dps.aau.dk](mailto:pristed@dps.aau.dk) | 27 March 2020 | The Danish National Board of Health has issued advice. |

1. If you consider it appropriate, feel free to share any data about people who have Covid 19 on your island and of people who, sadly, have passed away because of Covid 19.

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| Helene Pristed Nielson  Aalborg University  [pristed@dps.aau.dk](mailto:pristed@dps.aau.dk) | 27 March 2020 | As of 27 March, no reported cases. |

1. Is there anything else you want to share?

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| Helene Pristed Nielson  Aalborg University  [pristed@dps.aau.dk](mailto:pristed@dps.aau.dk) | 27 March 2020 | * The municipality is encouraging anyone with social and health professional competences or experience to offer their labor should the need arise. * Island information:   + 1,800 inhabitants.   + 2 hour ferry journey from the mainland. |

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