

Emergency shelters in case of release from custody during the COVID-19 pandemic

This document presents the main emergency shelters in Geneva during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly for released detainees and homeless persons.

This document is neither exhaustive nor permanent. The information may vary depending on the evolution of the situation.

*It is recommended to inquire about your options - you can find all the necessary information, set out by the social services in Geneva, at the following number: **0800 447 700** – your calls will be answered, free of charge, weekdays from 9am to 5pm.*

A) Principal night shelters

1) The “Caserne des Vernets”

The “Caserne des Vernets” welcomes all homeless (swiss or foreign) following their release from custody to accommodate them for several nights, **depending on beds availability**.

To be sheltered, the person needs to present him/herself at the entrance of the *Caserne* every day between 2pm and 4pm. **No new entrances will be allowed after 4pm.**

The “Caserne des Vernets” is located at rue Hans Wilsdorf 1, 1227 Carouge (between Plainpalais and the Accacias, facing the Vernets ice skating rink and swimming pool).

To reach the “Caserne des Vernets” from the Champ-Dollon prison, you need to take the following buses (using a valid travel pass, easily purchased at each bus stop):

- bus 34 direction *Veyrier*, get off at *Montagne* stop;
- bus 9 direction *Lignon*, get off at *Délices* stop;
- bus 11 direction *Bout-du-Monde*, get off at *Vernets* stop.

2) Other shelters

Other shelters are provided, in particular for the vulnerable and/or sick persons, depending on availability.

It is recommended to call 0800 447 700, should you require any information (your calls will be answered everyday from 9am to 5pm).

B) Several places serve free meals during the COVID-19 pandemic

These places are located close to the “Caserne des Vernets” and are within walking distances.

- Free breakfast and lunch meals:
 - Club Social Rive Gauche: Rue Hugo-De-Senger 4, 1205 Genève (tel: 022 418 98 50)
 - Take away breakfast - Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 8.30am;
 - Take away lunch - Monday to Friday at 11am, midday and 1pm (*attention: a ticket must be obtained on site from 10.30am*);
 - Take away lunch on Saturday at 11am;
 - Take away lunch on Sunday and public holidays at 11am, midday and 1pm (*attention: a ticket must be obtained on site from 10.30am*);
 - Le Carré: Rue du Grand-Bureau 13, 1227 Les Accacias (tel: 022 343 17 17)
 - Take away lunch from Monday to Friday, from 11am until out of stock (maximum 2pm);

- Bateau Genève: Quai Gustave Ador 1, 1207 Genève
 - Take away breakfast from Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 9am;
 - Take away lunch from Monday to Friday at 1pm;
 - Take away main meal on Sunday at 5.30pm;

 - Le Phar: Rue Jean-Jacques de-Sellon 3, 1201 Genève
 - Take away lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11.30am until out of stock (maximum 1.30pm);
- Evening meals: served at the Caserne des Vernets

Attention: the locations and timetables may vary.

Other places serving free food exist.

It is also recommended to keep yourself updated in order to be aware of current available options.

C) Return of seized belongings

If the seizure on your personal belongings is lifted you can collect them, provided you are in possession of an authorisation delivered to you by the Public Ministry.

To collect your belongings, it is recommended you contact the court clerk of trial evidence in order to agree on the terms of collection.

The court clerk can be reached:

- by email: gpc@justice.ge.ch

- by tel: 022 327 60 75 (Monday to Friday from 8am to 9am and from 1pm to 2pm)

Attention: the counter for the trial evidences is closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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