
[R1emcor] Covid-19 pandemic and emergency communications

Greg Mossop

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Hi,
the Covid-19 pandemic is not expected to lead to any immediate communications breakdowns. Oliver DL7TNY has reinforced this in an article on the www.darc.de web page where he says "The current pandemic is a medical emergency and not a technical emergency". However, I have seen on Facebook that at least one group of RNRE in Italy seems to be active during the current pandemic emergency and there appeared to be an Austrian net on Covid-19 held on Wednesday on the German language emergency frequency of 3.643MHz on the 18th March.

Can you please report here if your country is using, or is thinking of using Amateur Radio as part of its response to the pandemic? Questions are being asked as people either try to find a positive impact from amateur radio for publicity or from other amateurs who are not involved in emergency communications but who want to help...

73,
Greg, G0DUB
IARU Region 1 Emergency Communications Co-Ordinator

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Carlos Nora

19. 3. 2020 13:44

Hello everyone

Due to the contingency plan due to COVID-19 we are all at home. We cannot go out on the street, work is done remotely if possible.

It was yesterday 18-03-2020 declared by the Portuguese State the State of Emergency in the whole territory of Portugal. It corresponds to non-circular, closed borders, minimal services.

Amateurs have been in contact via radio direct frequencies, analog or digital repeaters.

There was no request for intervention at the national level by the Civil Protection authority.

"The current pandemic is a medical emergency and not a technical emergency "but we are ready to communicate and help if necessary.

Continue with good health and take cover!

Best regards

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73 Carlos Nora, CT1END

Jan Rozema PAØNON

19. 3. 2020 14:12

Hello Carlos and listmembers,

The same situation in the Netherlands although it is not forbidden to go out of your home to do necessary shopping. The dutch government advice: be carefull not to seek croudy places. Most people stay at home.

Dares emcomm is standby. contact via radio (voice), Winlink and JS8Call. Severall stations are prepared to act as a HF RMS station. At the moment there is no request for intervention by the dutch authorities.

Take care,
73 Jan Rozema, PAØNON

JOSE A. MENDEZ

19. 3. 2020 17:08

Greetings to all the colleagues on the list.

As the companion correctly points out, it is not a technical emergency, which is a health issue that is in full agreement. In SPAIN the confinement of the entire population has been requested since last Saturday. And we have recommended to the group of radio amateurs that they monitor COA channels and remain in QRV in case of a situation of lack of communications (internet or mobile phone fall due to overload) as the entire population "locked up at home" increases the consumption of Data and the telephone operators indicate that there is a cut in certain areas of SPAIN, therefore the recommendation to monitor.

We will keep you informed if radio amateur resources will be activated, and we hope that the period of confinement is as short as possible.

It's time to do a lot of radio ;-)

73...EA9E JOSÉ

Sambandstjenesten HQ

19. 3. 2020 20:49

Greetings to you all!

In Norway all kindergarten, all schools and universities are closed, almost all private and public offices are closed for visitors. Dentists, chiropractors, hairdressers and so on is prohibited, hotels, everything is shut down.

The past 24 hours different local and governmental offices are preparing for several concurrent events in addition to "Corona" and they've been in contact with us asking what Norwegian radio amateurs can contribute.

As of today, all Norwegian EMCOMM groups must report weekly (at least).

We hope for the best and prepare for the worst!

73's

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19. 3. 2020 20:51

Hi Gred, hi All,

France, like most countries, is in total lockdown.

The 1,500 certified members are mobilized on our emergency support networks. We are currently noting some difficulties in the internet in certain regions.

The FNRASEC has VHF / UHF transponder relays in analog mode which allow for communications between the area headquarters (regional prefecture) and the crisis room at the Ministry of the Interior

A second HF network provides back up.

We are connected to our overseas territories by the Winlink server (RMS) installed in the southwest of France - F5ZFX mode Pactor central frequency 3 608, 7051 and 14 107 kHz

All these operations are carried out from the authority, outside the exercices carried out by our volunteers.

I take this opportunity to enlighten you, our friends, on the specific French organization of FNRASEC, EMCOM IARU 1 member:

Emergency communications in mainland France and overseas territories, when backed up by supplementary networks of official networks, fall within the remit of the Ministry of the Interior, the Directorate General of Civil Security and Crisis Management. The organization of Civil Security includes the permanent bodies of the State, the services of volunteer firefighters, and the voluntary actors of Civil Security, grouped within Federations or associations which must obtain an approval for urgent communications - only the Ministry of the Interior is empowered to issue this approval

(Decree of 27 02 2017 Chapter 11 article 8). The FNRASEC meets the criteria necessary to obtain this approval "relating to rescue operations concerning the protection of persons", which it has just renewed (decree of January 2, 2019) for itself and for the ADRASEC which, by their affiliation, automatically benefit.

Take care of yourself
F5FS Jef
French National Co-Ordinators Coordinator
President FNRASEC – Official French Emcom

SV1HER Sotirios Vanikiotis

21. 3. 2020 1:56

Greetings to you all!

In Greece all kindergarten, all schools and universities are closed, almost all private and all public offices are closed for visitors.

A lot of companies ordered from the government to closed for 15 days minimum.

All the people asked to stay at home and to work from their houses if it is possible.

Supermarkets, transportation, pharmacy are working.

Radio amateurs are not asked to help to anything.

At your disposal

de SV1HER Sotirios Vanikiotis.

National Emergency Communications Coordinator

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