

## Speech March 25th, 2020

### Philippe Calleja about Covid19

#### Facebook Live

On Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, via Facebook Live, Mr Philippe Calleja, Mayor of Saverdun, hold his 2nd speech for approximately 35min about the Covid19 situation at Saverdun.

Key messages were the following:

- At Saverdun, Covid19 epidemic arrived. We identified some cases in Saverdun already. Covid19 gets installed now in Saverdun, in “Basse Ariège” after emerging in “Haute Ariège” 2 weeks ago. At Saverdun, 3 to 4 people have been transported to CHIVA hospital. Their situation is not worrying. In addition, around 15 people are confined in Saverdun.

Stay at home is really our key to success!

- You can hear the Church bells ringing everyday at 7:30pm. This is for us a sign for Hope, to show that life is ongoing, that we are surviving. We encourage each one of you, to place a candlelight at your outside window every day at nightfall as additional sign of life.
- All main public services are still working. Let’s review them one by one.
  - Clean-up services keep on working, as well as collection of household waste and yellow bags. Reminder: it is forbidden to leave “green waste” (grass, trees...) and bulkies (furniture...). They won’t be collected to avoid overwhelming workers. Public toilets are disinfected one or even twice per day mainly.
  - Schools are closed. A service to support parents who worked as caregiver, doctor, nurse... has been set up in cooperation with ALAE & ALSH. Children are welcomed from early morning till late afternoon. At the moment Saverdun demand is at a low level. That means that alternative solutions have been found by families.
  - Elected people and public agents are taking care of isolated persons by calling them and checking which kind of support can be offered. If you know an isolated person, please contact the Townhall – it is our duty to ensure that nobody in Saverdun is left alone. Therefore please take care of your parents & relatives : call them, email them and even bring them their groceries. Be careful that only 1 person is doing shopping for several other people to reduce risks of Covid19 transmission.
  - Grocery public porting service: has been set up to support people who can not go outside. Partners are : Intermarché, Saverdun Primeur, Carrefour Contact, Le Fournil des Saveurs (Bakery), Butcher Pascal & Karine and Bricomarché (for heating means). Please note that Saverdun Primeur offers deliveries at home when public services is not working. The public service delivers at home on Tuesdays & Fridays. To benefit from it, please call the Townhall and subscribe for it. Payment is only possible via Chèque that the person must give to the public agent delivering goods. Orders must be placed directly at the Partners.
  - Townhall will support as well from psychologic impact of isolation. Staying at home may bring some people to turn to violence. If you witness such situations, please inform immediately the Townhall, or call 17 (Police station) to get supported and avoid unsafe situations.
  - Culture: For all our artists and creative people, please enjoy the time at home, as much as possible, and use it as a source for creation. Create, imagine, everything is possible and get prepared for the future, when Covid19 will be over.
  - Sport: For all sportive people, be creative as well! Invent new ways to do sport at home.

Limit your time outside, which is an exposure time and thus is dangerous.

- Service for homeless people : There will be a meeting on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Saverdun to brainstorm solutions for homeless people who can not really be welcomed in hospital. 1 option would be to create a dedicated center for them outside of Saverdun and not only for Saverdun people, as well for homeless people from the whole Ariège. In this location, several persons would work together: doctors, nurses, caregivers....Dr Philippe Calleja will, of course, be part of this as doctor for the new structure. Details about that to be shared later.
- Eldery Care Home: at the moment nobody is infected by Covid19. Additional measures to protect people living there have been established. Please don't come & try to meet and touch your relatives there, because this is bringing additional risks for them and for the workers taking care of your relatives.
- Nurses: it is very important to keep contact with your usual nurses who are taking care of your regular diseases. These pathologies should be taken care and should not be left aside due to Covid19, otherwise they will get stronger and it will be tougher to treat them. Nurses are currently afraid that their patients are not calling them anymore for their usual treatment. Nurses in Saverdun are well equipped and should keep on taking care of you.
- Mr P.Calleja would like to thank everybody for his/her serious in staying at home and in particular:
  - Saverdun doctors: who keep on working and staying available for all of us
  - Pharmacie: workers here are receiving a lot of demand and persons and are granting us access to our medicines.
  - Nurses: who keep being closed to their patients
  - Caregivers: who are equipped with masks and keep on working
  - Administrative people at Townhall: who keep on working for public services availability
  - CCAS (Public Social care): is still working as well, and can be contacted in case of need
  - Farmers: are still working and are so important to make sure we still have available goods with high quality for our groceries. Some of them may have been infected.
  - Shops: you see that our cashiers are still working even though having a lot of contacts with all of us. In 1 of the main shop in Saverdun, 2 cashiers have been infected but their co-workers are still there for us.
  - People who built & installed Plexiglas systems for our shops (Alain Bonadéi & Marc Sicre in particular)
  - Carrier workers: are faithful and keep on working.
  - Factors are still working & delivering mails.
  - Security & Fire station: well equipped, their protocols changed and are still there to help & support Saverdun people.
- Questions:
  - For any specific case, feel free to call Townhall, who will guide you to the right contact.
  - Regarding elder people, not living in Eldery Care Home, who don't want to stay at home : Please communicate with them, inform them about risks and bring them their groceries as much as possible (even for daily bread).

- Outside market in Saverdun: yes it will be hold on Friday morning with special protection measures & control. Elected people together with Policemen will be here to support each other and protect people.
- If you want to offer your support, please call the Townhall. All support measures need to be coordinated & aligned to reduce risks and maximize efficiency.
- When 1 person goes outside (for shopping), to avoid bringing Covid19 at home, this person should : before entering into the house, leave his/her clothes outside and put them directly into the washing machine (60° if possible), take a shower, wash carefully his/her hands.
- Avoid any move from city to city, unless you really need to for work purpose.

Keep in mind that this critical situation will not last forever. Stay home until April 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Use time to create, think, meditate, read books.

And again thank you all for being serious : being responsible for one another, for others; stay virtually together will be our keys to success.

Let's meet up on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 7pm on Facebook Live.

Useful Links:

Townhall : 05 61 60 30 31

Police Station: 17