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1.582 Aktive Fälle (-123 / -7,2% zum Vortag)
15.594 bestätigte Fälle (+23 / +0,1% zum Vortag)
13.462 Genesene (+146 / +1,1 % zum Vortag)
418 Hospitalisiert (-2 / -0,5 % zum Vortag)
104 Intensivstation (-7 / -6,3% zum Vortag)
606 Tote (+6 / +1 % zum Vortag)
6.812 Tägl. Tests (+2.096 / +44,4% zum Vortag)

Österreich verlängert seine Grenzkontrollen zu Deutschland, Italien, der Schweiz, Liechtenstein, Tschechien und der Slowakei bis zum 31. Mai. Bisher war hier der 7. Mai das Limit.

Wien hat Tirol mit der Zahl an Menschen, die aktuell an dem Corona-Virus erkrankt sind, mittlerweile überholt.

Staatssekretär Magnus Brunner (ÖVP): man müsse alle Optionen offenhalten bezüglich der Staatshilfen für die AUA. Selbst eine Insolvenz dürfe nicht ausgeschlossen werden und das Credo „Koste es was es wolle“ dürfe hier nicht gelten. Gleichzeitig betonte Brunner auch die wichtige Rolle der AUA für den Wirtschaftsstandort. Staatshilfen müssten jedoch an ökologische und sozial-, wie arbeitsrechtliche Verpflichtungen gebunden werden.

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Ausnahmen für Einreisebeschränkungen:
1) Negativer Sars-CoV-2 Test
2) 14-Tägige Quarantäne
3) Berufspendler
4) Saisonkräfte in Land- und Forstwirtschaft
5) Pflege- und Gesundheitspersonal
(sofern diese Personen ohne Zwischenstopp nach Österreich reisen)

Sonderregelung: Jäger! Jäger aus Nachbarstaaten, die in Österreich eine Jagdpacht vorweisen können dürfen im Rahmen des gewerblichen Verkehrs ohne ärztlichen Attest oder 14 Tage Quarantäne nach Österreich einreisen.

Donau-Universität Krems Studie: Psychische Gesundheit in Österreich: Probleme vervielfacht. Depressive Symptome von 4 auf 20 Prozent angestiegen, Angstsymptome von 5 auf 19 Prozent erhöht. Aktuell leiden 16 % an einer Schlafstörung.

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Opposition:

Heute entscheidet sich die personelle Zukunft der SPÖ. Im Parteivorstand wird das Ergebnis jener Mitgliederbefragung verkündet, an die Parteichefin Pamela Rendi-Wagner ihr politisches Schicksal geknüpft hat. Für 11:00 wurde eine Pressekonferenz anberaumt.

FPÖ misstraut Stichprobentests und argumentiert, dass aufgrund der niedrigen Samples haben diese keine repräsentative Aussagekraft haben. "Wir werden hier zum Narren gehalten mit Zahlen, die überhaupt keine Aussagekraft haben", konstatierte FPÖ Gesundheitssprecher Gerhard Kaniak gestern in einer Pressekonferenz.

Wien: Noch in dieser Woche soll die Praterstraße im 2. Bezirk ein Pop-Up Radweg werden. Grund: Die Zahl der Radler sei zuletzt um 66 Prozent gestiegen, in Coronazeiten würden immer mehr Menschen auf das Fahrrad umsteigen.

Hans-Peter Doskozil (SPÖ) spricht sich gänzlich gegen Corona-Apps aus, auch gegen jene des Roten Kreuzes. Damit werde die Tür geöffnet, dass die Teilnahme von Konzerten oder Ähnliches, davon abhängig gemacht werde, ob jemand eine App installiert habe oder nicht, so Doskozil in der ORF-Sendung „Report“.

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Nur Polen und Luxemburg steigen wirtschaftlich aus Corona besser aus als Österreich. Die EU-Kommission hat die Wachstumsaussichten für Österreich (und andere EU Länder) drastisch gesenkt. Frühprognose: Absturz des BIP um 5,5 Prozent, 2021 soll es wieder um 5 Prozent wachsen.

Zugverbindungen für 24-Stunden-Pflegerinnen starten am 9. Mai als Leerzug nach Rumänien. Ab 9. Mai soll ein ÖBB-Nachtzug ohne Passagiere aus Wien in Richtung Rumänien aufbrechen. Mit 24-Stunden Pflegekräften an Bord am 10. Mai Rumänien verlassen, am 111. Mai am Flughafen Wien ankommen. Corona-Schnelltests durchgeführt, auch Hotels stehen zur Unterbringung bereit. Rumänische Pflegekräfte haben ihre Arbeitszeiten in Österreich mittlerweile weit überschritten. Wann die ersten von ihnen auch wieder zurück nach Rumänien fahren können ist unklar.

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Pressekonferenz Rudolf Anschober, Daniela Schmid (LIVE)

Schutzmaßnahmen für Pflegeeinrichtungen
Es gab 34 Neuinfektionen in den letzten 24 Stunden.

Todesfälle:
rund 88% sind über 70 Jahre alt
In letzter Zeit auch jüngere Personen an Corona verstorben.

BewohnerInnen in Alten- und Pflegeheimen sind besonders gefährdet.

Todesfallstatistik
Anteil der Verstorbenen mit Hauptwohnsitz in Pflegeheimen oder Behinderteneinrichtungen im Jahr 2019: 25 Prozent - hat sich kaum verändert. Auf Basis dieser Zahlen kann man davon ausgehen, dass es uns gut gelungen ist, Personen in Heimen zu schützen. Aber: Wir sehen schon: Häufungen von Erkrankungsfällen.

Cluster-Analyse von AGES
Es gilt lokale Verbreitungen in ihrem Setting aufzulösen. Auflösen bedeutet: Quelle zu identifizieren und die Art der Verbreitung herauszufinden. Dies gilt es nun zu tun.

Empfehlung der Regierung: Terminanmeldung für Besuch (um Informationen zu geben und zu bekommen) Einhaltung von Hygiene und Schutzvorrichtungen
Garten oder eigene Räume (nicht im Zimmer selbst, wegen Enge)
Mund-Nasen-Schutz und Abstandhalten

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The European Commission's Vice-President for Digital, Margrethe Vestager, has urged EU telecoms ministers to "limit as much as possible" any delays to their 5G spectrum assignments.

According to Henley & Partners, a citizenship broker, applications for new nationalities have increased by 42 percent since last year. (Austria is very popular!)

Denmark wants to make it easier for students to keep their distance and therefore offer more outdoor classes. Huts, nature playgrounds, nature centres and toilets were closed due to anti-Covid-19 measures. These are now to be used for pupils. Since the opening of schools, Denmark has seen an increase in the reproduction rate.

The Netherlands: As the Dutch celebrated the anniversary of the end of Nazi occupation indoors, police arrested around 80 protesters in the Hague yesterday afternoon.

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Italy

The government wants to introduce a ban on lay-offs for companies as part of a billion-euro aid package to be passed by the end of this week.

This means that companies in Italy will not be able to dismiss their employees for five months due to the corona virus crisis. Actually therefore Italy wants to freeze layoffs for five months.

Moreover, it wants to legalize up to 600,000 migrants in order to combat illegal work, slavery and Covid-19. In the midst of the crisis. The country cannot afford to have an army of invisible people in the country who fall through the health system.

Italian beaches are preparing for thermal scans. Italian beach operators hope for a new start on June 1st. The temperature is to be measured for all visitors. They will also have to present a declaration in which the bathers assure that they are not infected.

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Italy: Domenico Arcuri (commissioner for the emergency) has said that a mobile tracking app called 'Immuni', designed to trace the spread of COVID-19 will be launched at the end of the month.

Spain: Simple majority to extend emergency measures. Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has to obtain a simple majority in Congress today to extend the current emergency measures.

Greeks angry at rising prices of masks. The price of masks is rising, and, in many cases, fraud has been reported. Three months ago a simple surgical mask cost 10 cents. Today it's being sold for 80 cents, which means an increase of 800%.

The Portuguese government estimated that tourism companies will have a 50% drop in turnover this year compared to 2019 and called on Portuguese citizens to enjoy holidys within the country.

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Germany

Thanks to the EU single market, Germany conducts 50% of its exports, so if there is no single market, there is no German industry, European Commissioner for Internal Market Thierry Breton has said.

"Second big opening step" in Germany. The German government intends to propose significant relaxation of corona requirements to the federal states today. In a "second major opening step", all schools are to resume teaching until the summer holidays (according to a draft solution).

“Nuclear weapons on German territory do not heighten our security, just the opposite,” Rolf Mützenich (leader of the Social Democrats (SPD) in the Bundestag) said in an interview with Der Tagesspiegel. “The time has come for Germany to rule out a future stationing. After all, other countries have done so without questioning NATO,” he added.

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Süddeutsche Zeitung: German prosecutors believe a 2015 hack attack on the country's parliament was carried out by the same Russian operative who a year later derailed Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign by breaking into her emails.

Slovakia: The government may be forcing citizens into state-run quarantine facilities without an appropriate legal basis since the country's ombudswoman, NGOs and the media could not find any legally relevant decisions banning the entry of foreigners into the country and ruling that every citizen returning to Slovakia must undergo a 14-day quarantine under the threat of being taken into custody.

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Global Global confirmed cases exceed 3.65 million.

Pope Francis has urged employers to respect the dignity of workers, particularly migrants, in the face of economic difficulties brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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US President Donald Trump has confirmed the White House coronavirus task force will be winding down, with Vice-President Mike Pence suggesting it could be disbanded within weeks.

Trump wants a rapid economic recovery. Now he visited a protective mask factory in Arizona without a mask. The coronavirus work force could also be dissolved in the coming weeks. On ABC News, however, Trump admitted that a reopening of the economy could lead to loss of life.

The Democrats' presidential candidate Joe Biden has demanded justice over the killing of an unarmed black man in the US state of Georgia. Case: Mr Arbery, 25, was jogging in February when confronted by an ex-policeman and his son. Video purported to show the shooting emerged online yesterday. A district attorney in Georgia has now ruled that a grand jury should decide whether charges should be brought.

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An icon is in hospital. The 87-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been taken to hospital with acute cholecystitis, a benign inflammation of the gall bladder. A possible withdrawal of the Liberals from the Supreme Court could give the Conservatives another seat in the highest US court. However, Ginsburg wants to attend a hearing from the hospital today via video conference.

The deposed director of the US Health and Human Services (HHS), Rick Bright, has filed a complaint against the government of President Donald Trump. Bright accuses the US government of not taking his warnings about the coronavirus in January seriously. Amazon warehouse worker died in New York.

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New York City's subway system went silent in the early morning hours of Wednesday, as part of a plan for the normally round-the-clock system to shut down for train cleaning.

Pfizer and the German pharmaceutical company BioNTech announced that they had begun human trials in the U.S. for a potential coronavirus vaccine, which could be ready for emergency use in America as early as September.

In the USA, a man while shopping used the white hood of the racist Ku Klux Klan (KKK) as protection against the coronavirus. Police in San Diego, Southern California, announced that they had started an investigation.

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British epidemiologist resigns after misconduct. Neil Ferguson admitted on Tuesday evening that he disregarded "clear rules" to contain the pandemic, according to a report in the "Daily Telegraph".

According to the newspaper, the professor had an affair with a 38-year-old girl despite the strict exit restrictions. The mother of two is said to have visited him several times, which was against the rules.

Youth unemployment in Britain will reach 1 million over the coming year.

Twitter said it would tackle the spread of damaging conspiracy theories linking mobile phone technology and coronavirus with a prompt to direct people searching for 5G to British government-verified information.

The UK and US on Tuesday (5 May) issued a joint warning that hackers have been targeting the health sector hunting for information, including Covid-19 data and vaccine research.

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In China, a murderer turned himself in after 24 years because he had no health code. Without such a code, there is limited freedom of movement in China. Shopping malls, restaurants, offices, certain residential areas and longer trips to other cities and provinces can only be entered and entered with these health codes. The man justified his decision to turn himself in by saying that he was practically excluded from public life without a health code.

China has criticized the new US customs threat. Customs duties should not be used as a political weapon, a spokeswoman for the Foreign Ministry said in Beijing on Wednesday. Beijing's top political office in Hong Kong has called protesters a "political virus" and said the semi-autonomous city will never be calm until "poisonous" and "violent" black-clad demonstrators are eliminated.

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Russian soldiers and medical workers providing coronavirus assistance in Italy will start returning to Russia from Thursday, the Interfax news agency cited defence minister Sergei Shoigu as saying on Wednesday.

Covid-19 ripples through Russian Orthodox monasteries and parishes, many clerics are pushing back on the government's efforts to limit public gatherings — which is an unusual rift between church and state.

Afghanistan has asked for international to help fight the pandemic. Wahid Majroh, the country's deputy health minister, has requested international donors to "help with Afghan people and its government in this critical stage as the nation needs more cooperations."

The Houthi rebels in Yemen have reported the first coronavirus death in the capital Sanaa, which they control.

The pandemic has cost Walt Disney US$1.4bn in the last three months. Disney said on Tuesday it will reopen its Shanghai Disneyland park on 11 May but severely limit the number of guests and enforce strict social distancing measures on rides and in restaurants.

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After two consecutive days of zero new corona cases reported, New Zealand reported one new case of the virus on Wednesday, and one new death.

Cuba's communist rulers have been sending medical teams overseas for decades in a bid to save lives and influence people. But the pandemic has seen a new trend emerge – with Cuba sending medical "brigades" to bolster struggling health services in developed European nations (for example: in Italy).

Vietnam didn't just flatten its coronavirus curve, it crushed it! No deaths have been reported, official case numbers have plateaued at just 271, and no community transmissions of the virus have been reported in the last two weeks. To mitigate the risk of a fresh outbreak occurring in Vietnam, wearing face masks in public remains mandatory and gatherings of more than 30 individuals are banned, as are festivals, religious ceremonies and sporting events.

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Peru severely affected by coronavirus. The number of people infected with the coronavirus in Peru has risen to over 50,000. So far 51,189 people in the South American country have been proven to be infected with SARS-CoV-2, the government announced yesterday.

Israel is preparing a nationwide blood test of 100,000 citizens to see how vulnerable the country might be to a new wave of the contagion.

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A new survey conducted to help governments map out future policies on how to tackle coronavirus has highlighted the dilemmas that they face: 2/3 of people asked said they would run out of food and water if they had to stay at home for 14 days. Just over half of the respondents said they would run out of money.

Tens of thousands of migrants are trapped in dangerous conditions (at frontiers, mines, ports and in transit camps across the continent).
Problem: states shut their borders in an attempt to stem the spread of Covid-19.

What is happening?
Some have been abandoned by smugglers unable to take them further on their journeys to Europe or elsewhere.Others were returning home or moving across the continent in search of work when frontiers were closed.

They include large numbers of Chadian students stranded in Cameroon, about 1,800 Nigerien workers stuck in remote goldmining areas in Burkina Faso, and more than 1,000 migrants from Mali and Senegal trapped in Mauritania.

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Ghana has adopted pool testing of samples to maximise the use of coronavirus test kits that are in short supply globally. This involves using a single test on 10 samples combined. If there is a positive result, then the entire batch is tested individually to identify the infected sample.

The Democratic Republic of Congo's health ministry has confirmed 92 new coronavirus cases in the country, its highest single-day increase since the outbreak began in March.

At least 25 people in western Liberia who were searching for diamonds have been trapped and are feared dead after a hole that they had dug collapsed, official sources in the area have said.

The Ethiopian Football Federation has announced that all league competitions in the country are cancelled due to Coronavirus pandemic.

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Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and his Ethiopian counterpart Abiy Ahmed discussed the border tensions between the two countries during a telephone call yesterday.

The two leaders agreed to form a technical body to complete the demarcation of the border between the two countries.

Background: Sudan recently called on Ethiopia to withdraw its troops from Al-Fashaga, a large agricultural area on the Sudanese side of the border that has been under the control of Ethiopian gunmen for several years. On 24 April, one Sudanese soldier was killed and three others wounded after an attack by Ethiopian gunmen.

Moreover, Sudan plans to set up a market to trade gold that will set a standard price in line with global rates for the precious metal. Sudan is the third-biggest producer of gold in Africa behind South Africa and Ghana. In 2018 it produced an estimated 93 tonnes.

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A 14-year-old from Malmesbury in Wiltshire, is leading an army of volunteers to assist vulnerable people in isolation. Ben Thornbury, 14, set up the 'coronavirus advice and support' website in March to help volunteers get food and prescriptions delivered to those less able. He said his motivations for the site stemmed from noticing that there was no system in place in his local town of Malmesbury.
(Source: omgoodnews.com)

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