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WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE

The latest news summarized from



IN THE EUROPEAN UNION &
WORLD

3.1 MILLION COULD HAVE DIED IN EUROPE

TURNING WINE INTO DISINFECTANTS

THE BELGIUM FOUR- PERSON PUZZLE

US NATIONAL GUARD: ANTI RACISM PROTESTS LEAD TO INFECTION

Österreich News

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Demonstrationen: neue Regeln sollen kommen. MNS-Schutz verpflichtend.

Freies Reisen ab 16. Juni 2020? Wohin reisen Sie?

Studie: 1/3 aller österreichischen Covid-19 Todesfälle kommt aus Heimen

Beschwerden gegen Corona-Beschränkungen führen zu Überlastung.

Maturaergebnisse sind da! Mathematik ist schlecht ausgefallen.

Betreuung in den Sommerferien? Neos fordern Lösungen

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AKTIVE FÄLLE 342 (-15 / -4,2% ZUM VORTAG)
HOSPITALISIERT 84 (+2 / +2,4% ZUM VORTAG)
INTENSIVSTATION 19 (+2 / +11,8% ZUM VORTAG)
TOTE 672 (0 ZUM VORTAG)
TÄGLICHE TESTS 5.164 (+1.479 / +40,1% ZUM VORTAG)
GENESENE 15.875 (+36 / +0,2% ZUM VORTAG)
POSITIV GETESTETE 16.902 (+13 / +0,1% ZUM VORTAG)

WENN DER MINDESTABSTAND NICHT EINGEHALTEN WERDEN KANN, SOLL BEI DEMOS KÜNFTIG EINE NASEN-MUNDSCHUTZ-PFLICHT GELTEN. RUND ZWEI DRITTEL HÄTTEN BEREITS LETZTE WOCHE AUCH FREIWILLIG EINEN NASEN-MUNDSCHUTZ GETRAGEN.

AB 16. JUNI: FREIES REISEN NACH ITALIEN, KROATIEN UND GRIECHENLAND. SCHWEDEN WIRD DEM VERNEHMEN NACH NICHT IN DEN KREIS AUFGENOMMEN.

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EIN DRITTEL ALLER COVID-19 STERBEFÄLLE IN ÖSTERREICH IST AUF HEIME ZURÜCKZUFÜHREN. DIE RESTRIKTIVEN AUSGANGSBESCHRÄNKUNGEN IN DEN HEIMEN SEIEN LAUT BEWOHNERVERTRETUNG ZU GRÖSSTEN TEIL "OHNE RECHTLICHE GRUNDLAGE" GEWESEN - ES GIBT ERSTE SCHADENSERSATZKLAGEN.

POSITIVER TREND AM ARBEITSMARKT: 200.000 MENSCHEN, DIE ENDE MAI NOCH IN KURZARBEIT WAREN, SIND NUN WIEDER VOLLBESCHÄFTIGT. 1.181.000 MITARBEITER SIND WEITERHIN IN KURZARBEIT.

VIER VON DEN 60 ZU VERFÜGUNG STEHENDEN MILLIONEN EURO DER FAMILIENHÄRTEFONDS WURDEN AUSBEZAHLT. 1.500 EURO SIND PRO FAMILIE GEFLOSSEN. DIE HÄLFTE DER ANTRÄGE SEI UNVOLLSTÄNDIG. DIE AK KRITISIERT, DASS DIE HILFSFONDS ZU KOMPLIZIERT SEIEN UND ES ZU WENIG PERSONAL FÜR DIE AUFARBEITUNG GÄBE.

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DIE ZAHLREICHEN BESCHWERDEN GEGEN DIE CORONA-BESCHRÄNKUNGEN BESCHEREN DEM VERFASSUNGSDIENST IM KANZLERAMT ARBEITSREICHE TAGE. ALLEIN AM MITTWOCH SCHICKT DIE REGIERUNG EIN DUTZEND STELLUNGNAHMEN AN DEN VERFASSUNGSGERICHTSHOF (VFGH), DER UNTER ANDEREM ENTSCHIEDEN MUSS, OB GESCHÄDIGTE UNTERNEHMEN ANSPRUCH AUF VERDIENSTENTGANG HABEN.

WIEN – DAS NOTLAZARETT, DAS IN DER MESSE WIEN FÜR LEICHTE BIS MITTLERE CORONA-FÄLLE EINGERICHTET WURDE, SPIELTE IN DEN WORST-CASE-SZENARIEN DER BUNDESHAUPTSTADT EINE BEDEUTENDE ROLLE. ALS FOLGE DER POSITIVEN ENTWICKLUNG IN ÖSTERREICH WIRD DAS NOTQUARTIER AB ENDE JULI NICHT MEHR EXISTIEREN.

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DER JAHRGANG 2020 HAT NICHT DAS GROSSE LOS GEZOGEN: JEDE ZWEITE MATHEMATIK-MATURA WURDE HEUER MIT EINEM GENÜGEND DER NICHT GENÜGEND BEURTEILT.

DIE NEOS SIND MIT DEN CORONA-BEGLEITMASSNAHMEN DER REGIERUNG FÜR ELTERN HÖCHST UNZUFRIEDEN UND FORDERN EINE BILDUNGS- UND BETREUUNGSGARANTIE FÜR DIESEN SOMMER. DER LOCKDOWN HABE DAZU GEFÜHRT, DASS VIELE ERWERBSTÄTIGE ELTERN IHREN URLAUB AUFBRAUCHEN MUSSTEN, UM DER BETREUUNG IHRER KINDER NACHZUKOMMEN. VIELE FAMILIEN WÜSSTEN NUN NICHT, WIE SIE IHRE KINDER IN DEN SOMMERFERIEN BETREUT SOLLEN.

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ASYLUM APPLICATIONS IN EUROPE FELL TO THE LOWEST LEVEL FOR OVER A DECADE IN APRIL AS BORDERS CLOSED TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS, EUROPEAN UNION FIGURES SHOW.

ACCORDING TO ANALYSES, THE MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS HAVE PREVENTED AROUND 3.1 MILLION DEATHS IN ELEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ALONE BY THE BEGINNING OF MAY.

THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) IN THE EURO ZONE IS LIKELY TO FALL BY 8.7 PERCENT THIS YEAR, AS ECB PRESIDENT CHRISTINE LAGARDE ANNOUNCED ON THURSDAY AFTER HER INTEREST RATE MEETING.

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LARGE EUROPEAN EXHIBITION CENTRES FROM COLOGNE TO BARCELONA ARE PUSHING FOR TRADE FAIR EVENTS TO BE RE-OPENED BY SEPTEMBER 1 AT THE LATEST, DESPITE THE CORONA PANDEMIC.

GERMANY, SPAIN, DENMARK, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND POLAND ARE ADDRESSING EU COMMISSION PRESIDENT URSULA VON DER LEYEN. THEY WANT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN STOCKPILE OF IMPORTANT DRUGS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. THIS SHOULD ALLOW THE EU TO BETTER ARM ITSELF AGAINST HEALTH CRISES.

TWO MILLION HECTOLITERS OF UNSOLD WINE ARE BEING PROCESSED INTO DISINFECTANTS IN FRANCE

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ITALY: SOUTH TYROL IS STILL ON THE ROAD TO NORMALITY IN TERMS OF CORONA. THE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT DECIDED ON TUESDAY THAT DUE TO THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A GENERAL OBLIGATION TO WEAR A FACEMASK AS OF WEDNESDAY - EXCEPT IF THE DISTANCE OF ONE METER BETWEEN PEOPLE CANNOT BE KEPT IN A STABLE MANNER, AS WAS STATED IN A BROADCAST.

THOSE BURIED IN CAMPO 87, A SECTION OF THE MAGGIORE CEMETERY IN MILAN CAME FROM OVERWHELMED HOSPITALS AND MORGUES DURING THE PEAK OF ITALY'S PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, IT HAS EMERGED CAMPO 87 ALSO CONTAINS THE GRAVES OF PEOPLE WHO DID HAVE FAMILY AND WHO WERE BURIED THERE BY MISTAKE. THEIR RELATIVES FACE A BATTLE TO RETRIEVE THE BODIES DUE TO A LAW PREVENTING THE REMAINS OF PEOPLE WHO DIE OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE BEING EXHUMED FOR TWO YEARS.

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"THE POLES HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC GOING ON." - HEALTH MINISTER LUKASZ SZUMOWSKI. FOR DAYS THE NUMBERS OF CASES IN POLAND HAVE BEEN RISING, ON WEEKENDS AND MONDAYS THE RECORD NUMBER OF 599 NEWLY INFECTED PEOPLE WAS REGISTERED. 12 MINES IN THE UPPER SILESIAN COAL DISTRICT HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR THREE WEEKS SINCE TUESDAY, AND 5,200 BUDDIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFECTED.

BULGARIA WILL EXTEND THE EPIDEMIC EMERGENCY UNTIL THE END OF JUNE TO FIGHT THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS AFTER AN INCREASE IN NEW REGISTERED CASES, PRIME MINISTER BOYKO BORISSOV HAS SAID.

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IT'S BEEN CALLED THE FOUR-PERSON PUZZLE. IF YOU COULD ONLY HAVE THE SAME FOUR FAMILY MEMBERS OR FRIENDS TO DINNER FOR A FEW WEEKS OF CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE? THAT IS THE DILEMMA THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS HANDED ITS CITIZENS AS IT MOVES TO THE NEXT PHASE IN EASING RESTRICTIONS ON EVERYDAY LIFE. FROM SUNDAY, EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN BELGIUM CAN INVITE UP TO FOUR GUESTS TO THEIR HOME. TWO SETS OF FOUR PEOPLE MAKE A "CORONA BUBBLE", WHO CAN VISIT EACH OTHER'S HOMES. NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED INTO THE DOMESTIC SOCIAL CIRCLE. THE CONCEPT, ALSO BEING DISCUSSED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, OPENS UP THE BIGGEST SOCIAL MINEFIELD OF THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN.

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THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT ON MONDAY EVENING (8 JUNE) PUBLISHED THE DETAILS OF A NATIONWIDE SURVEY SEEKING CITIZENS' VIEWS ON COVID-19 ECONOMIC MEASURES, THE EU RECOVERY PLAN, IMMIGRATION, AND HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN BILLIONAIRE GEORGE SOROS. THE 9TH NATIONAL SURVEY SINCE THE NATIONALIST FIDESZ PARTY CAME TO POWER IN 2010 WILL ASK HUNGARIANS IF THEY AGREE WITH A SERIES OF GOVERNMENT ACTIONS INCLUDING NATIONAL MANUFACTURING OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, CORONAVIRUS-RELATED RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AND MOVES MANDATING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM BANKS AND MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

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SWEDEN'S FINANCE MINISTER SAYS IT WAS NEVER THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ADOPT A RELAXED COVID-19 STRATEGY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ECONOMY. SWEDEN'S SOFTER LOCKDOWN HAS RESULTED IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST DEATH RATES, RELATIVE TO THE POPULATION.

GERMANY: THE EAST GERMAN STATE OF THURINGIA WILL BE THE FIRST IN GERMANY TO SCRAP SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS PUT IN PLACE TO STEM THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CASES HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS IN SPAIN, CONFIRMED THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

PORTUGAL EXPECTS DEFICIT OF 6.3% OF GDP IN 2020 DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

GLOBAL

UN SECRETARY GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES HAS WARNED OF A "GLOBAL FOOD EMERGENCY" IF FOOD SUPPLIES ARE NOT IMPROVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AT LEAST 820 MILLION PEOPLE WOULD SUFFER FROM HUNGER.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC COULD HAVE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR PEACE. THIS IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE GLOBAL PEACE INDEX PUBLISHED IN LONDON ON WEDNESDAY. ACCORDING TO THE INDEX, THE MOST PEACEFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD IS ICELAND, FOLLOWED BY NEW ZEALAND AND PORTUGAL. AS LAST YEAR, AUSTRIA IS RANKED FOURTH. AFGHANISTAN IS LAST.

A STUDY HAS CONFIRMED THE PROTECTIVE EFFECT OF MASKS AGAINST THE CORONA VIRUS. THE GENERAL OBLIGATION TO WEAR A MOUTH AND NOSE PROTECTION, FOR EXAMPLE WHEN SHOPPING OR ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT, APPARENTLY CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONA PANDEMIC, THE JOHANNES GUTENBERG UNIVERSITY OF MAINZ ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY.

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THE DATA NOW PRESENTED BY RESEARCHERS FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY CONFIRM OTHER FINDINGS THAT THE CORONA VIRUS MAY HAVE APPEARED IN CHINA EARLIER THAN IN DECEMBER 2019. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, SARS-COV-2 MAY HAVE BEEN SPREADING SINCE AUGUST 2019.

US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP WANTS TO PARTICIPATE AGAIN IN MAJOR ELECTION CAMPAIGN EVENTS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE US'S TOP INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERT DR ANTHONY FAUCI WARNED ON TUESDAY THAT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC WAS FAR FROM OVER, CALLING COVID-19 HIS "WORST NIGHTMARE".

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IN THE US NATIONAL GUARD, AFTER THEIR DEPLOYMENT AT ANTI-RACISM PROTESTS IN WASHINGTON, THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF INFECTION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS. THE CASES OF INFECTION AMONG THE SOLDIERS ARE LIKELY TO FUEL CONCERNS THAT THE CURRENT MASS PROTESTS IN THE USA COULD ENCOURAGE A NEW STRONG SPREAD OF THE VIRUS.

AFTER A CORONA BREAK OF ALMOST THREE MONTHS, CINEMAS IN CALIFORNIA WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW FILMS AGAIN NEXT WEEKEND. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, MANY RESTRICTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY 25 PERCENT OF THE SEATS MAY BE TAKEN OR A MAXIMUM OF 100 VIEWERS MAY ENTER A CINEMA HALL. MASKS ARE ALSO COMPULSORY.

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TRAVELLERS TO GREAT BRITAIN WILL HAVE TO GO INTO QUARANTINE FOR TWO WEEKS FROM MONDAY ONWARDS AFTER ENTERING THE COUNTRY. THE NEW RULES, HOWEVER, HAVE COME IN FOR HEAVY CRITICISM FROM COMPANIES IN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY. AIRLINES IN PARTICULAR ARE PROTESTING.

A YEAR AFTER THE START OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN HONG KONG, A LARGE POLICE FORCE HAS PREVENTED NEW PROTESTS. ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, 53 PEOPLE WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR UNAUTHORISED RALLIES AND PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS.

CHINA HAS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISARMAMENT TALKS BETWEEN THE USA AND RUSSIA. RUSSIA AND THE USA PLAN TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE NEW NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT AT TALKS AT THE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN VIENNA ON 22 JUNE.

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NEW ZEALAND DECLARED ITSELF
CORONAVIRUS-FREE TWO DAYS AGO.

ISRAEL: SINCE THE END OF MAY, THE NUMBER
OF NEW INFECTIONS IN EDUCATIONAL AND
CARE INSTITUTIONS HAS RISEN
SIGNIFICANTLY. ABOUT 130 SCHOOLS AND
KINDERGARTENS HAVE THEREFORE ALREADY
CLOSED THEIR DOORS AGAIN IN THE PAST
FEW DAYS.

AUSTRALIA EXPECTS THE CORONA VIRUS TO
BE LARGELY ELIMINATED BY JULY.

SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES ARE NOT TO BE
REOPENED UNTIL A VACCINE AGAINST THE
CORONAVIRUS IS FOUND - PROBABLY NOT
UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

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BRAZIL'S RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST PRESIDENT JAIR BOLSONARO HAS THREATENED TO WITHDRAW HIS COUNTRY FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. HE ACCUSED THE WHO OF "IDEOLOGICAL BIAS".

IN NICARAGUA, SEVERAL DOCTORS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN FIRED FOR CRITICISING THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE CORONA CRISIS. THE AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT DANIEL ORTEGA AND HIS VICE PRESIDENT AND WIFE, ROSARIO MURILLO, HAS SO FAR INTRODUCED VIRTUALLY NO ANTI-CORONA MEASURES. ON THE CONTRARY, IT HAS ENCOURAGED AND ORGANIZED MASS EVENTS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL FIGURES, NICARAGUA HAS SO FAR REGISTERED 1464 CORONA INFECTIONS AND 55 DEATHS DUE TO COVID-19 DISEASE.

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FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE SUPREME COURT, BRAZIL'S GOVERNMENT IS ONCE AGAIN PUBLISHING THE FIGURES FOR CORONA CASES IN FULL. SINCE THE WEEKEND, ONLY THE NUMBERS NEWLY REGISTERED IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS HAD BEEN PUBLISHED DAILY.

PERU IS PARTICULARLY HARD HIT: THE HEALTH SYSTEM HAS COLLAPSED, EVERYDAY LIFE IS A "DRAMA", THE PRIEST AND AUTHOR FATHER JUAN GOICOCHEA CALDERON, WHO WORKS IN LIMA, RECENTLY DESCRIBED IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH KATHPRESS.