

WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE

The latest news summarized from Katrin Süss



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WHO MEETS TO DISCUSS ASTRAZENEC A VACCINE AS MORE EU COUNTRIES HALT ROLLOUT.

ITALY PREPARES FOR AN EASTER LOCKDOWN AS COVID-19 CASES GROW EXPONENTIALLY.

CHINA ASKS MORE VISA APPLICANTS TO TAKE CHINESE VACCINES.

Österreich

ERSTER LOCKDOWN TRAT VOR EINEM JAHR IN KRAFT.

ERSTMALS WIEDER WENIGER ALS 400.000 ARBEITSLOSE.

GASTRONOMIE IN VORARLBERG SEIT MONTAG 15.03.2021 WIEDER GEÖFFNET.

ÖSTERREICH

Bestätigte Infizierte: 495.162

Bestätigte Genesene: 461.737

Aktive Fälle: 27.284

Todesfälle: 8.926

Hospitalisierte: 1.844

Intensivstation: 383

PCR-Testungen gesamt: 6.073.601

Impfungen: 1.079.144*

*Eingetragene Impfungen im e-Impfpass

ÖSTERREICH

Heute vor einem Jahr trat der erste Lockdown in Österreich in Kraft. Zu diesem Zeitpunkt wurden weniger als 200 Neuinfektionen und insgesamt 5 Todesfälle verzeichnet. Knapp 500.000 Personen haben sich inzwischen infiziert

Laut Arbeitsminister Martin Kocher entspannt sich die Lage der steigenden Arbeitslosigkeit nach dem Eintreten des ersten Lockdowns. Die Öffnung des Handels sowie der Körpernahen Dienstleistungen hat die Vermittlung um rund 15% gesteigert.

Am Montag, den 15.03.2021, hat rund 30 Prozent der Vorarlberger Gastronomie unter Einhaltung von Auflagen wieder aufgesperrt.

EUROPEAN UNION

The WHO vaccine safety experts were due to meet Tuesday to discuss the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine, as the list of countries temporarily halting its rollout over blood clot concerns continued to grow. On Tuesday, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Latvia and Sweden became the latest European nations to suspend its use.

Half of Italy's 20 regions, which include the cities Rome, Milan and Venice, entered new coronavirus restrictions Monday, March 15. The measures will be effective through April 6.

Dutch head to polls as Covid crisis looms large. With coronavirus restrictions in place, polls opened for vulnerable voters on 15 March, and everyone else votes on Wednesday in what will be the first "Covid election" in the EU this year.

GLOBAL

Chinese embassies in a rapidly growing number of countries, including the United States, have begun requiring that foreigners entering China must first be fully inoculated with a Chinese-made coronavirus vaccine if they want to avoid extensive paperwork requirements.

The White House is preparing for a potential fourth coronavirus surge as more transmissible coronavirus variants spread across the US. investing billions of dollars to boost coronavirus preparedness, accelerating the pace of vaccinations and working to prepare the public and governors for the prospect of another surge.

The drug company Moderna has begun a study that will test its Covid vaccine in children under 12, including babies as young as six months, the company said on Tuesday. The study is expected to enroll 6,750 healthy children in the United States and Canada.