

# WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

*The latest news summarized by LIVIA BENKO*



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## COVID IN NUMBERS

## EUROPE

**CONFIRMED INFECTED**

**72.959.000**

**RECOVERED**

**64.120.774**

**DEATHS**

**1.660.000**

# EUROPE

COVID-19 cases have been worrying Europe with increased intensity in the last month.

Measures vary across Europe, from a national lockdown in Austria to Poland where no restrictions are in place. Concerns over the Omicron new variant detected in South Africa has prompted many European countries to put curbs on travel.

As of November 29, 2021, Slovakia had the highest rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases reported in the previous seven days in Europe at 1,427 cases per 100,000. Czechia has recorded approximately 1,195 cases per 100,000 people in the past week.

Earlier this month the World Health Organization warned Europe and Central Asia could face another 700,000 COVID-19 deaths by March 1 2022.



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# AUSTRIA

*Austria has gone back into a national lockdown as of Monday (November 22), becoming the first EU country to take such a measure in the face of the COVID-19 resurgence.*

*The lockdown will last at least 10 days but could extend to 20. Authorities in Austria said on November 17 that travellers would need to show a negative PCR test upon entering the country. Previously, results from the cheaper lateral flow tests were allowed.*

## COVID IN NUMBERS

## AUSTRIA

**CONFIRMED INFECTED**

**1.151.809**

**RECOVERED**

**994.091**

**DEATHS**

**12.425**

**IN MILD CONDITION**

**144.674**

**IN SERIOUS CONDITION**

**619**

# SLOVAKIA

*Slovakia declared a 90-day state of emergency and a two-week lockdown following a spike in COVID-19 cases that saw the country's seven-day average of cases rise above 10,000.*

*The central European country is currently in the midst of the world's fastest rise in infections, and the measures, which include closing all non-essential stores, as well as bars and restaurants, are meant to help the struggling healthcare system.*

*The decision came after president Zuzana Čaputová addressed the nation, saying that "Slovakia is losing the battle against COVID." Just 45.3% of the 5.5 million population is fully vaccinated.*

## COVID IN NUMBERS

## SLOVAKIA

**CONFIRMED INFECTED**

**673.015**

**RECOVERED**

**549.171**

**DEATHS**

**14.341**

**IN SERIOUS CONDITION**

**549**

# CZECH REPUBLIC

*A 30-day state of emergency came into effect on Friday (November 26) as the Czech Republic sees record-high COVID-19 cases.*

*As part of the government's anti-COVID measures, all Christmas markets across the country are banned and people will not be allowed to drink alcohol in public places, health minister Adam Vojtech said. Bars, restaurants, nightclubs, discotheques and casinos have to close at 10 p.m.*

*The number of people at culture and sports events will be limited to 1,000 who are vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19. All other public gatherings can be attended by up to 100 visitors, down from 1,000.*

## COVID IN NUMBERS

## CZECH REPUBLIC

**CONFIRMED INFECTED**

**2.132.380**

**RECOVERED**

**1.835.044**

**DEATHS**

**32.929**

**IN SERIOUS CONDITION**

**947**

# POLAND

The government of Poland has not brought into effect any measures so far to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic. According to Poland's Health Minister Adam Niedzielski most of the COVID-19 measures are not only received badly amongst the people but can act counter-effectively and discourage them. The anti-vaccination movement in Poland is relatively strong. Only if infections reached 35.000 a day would the situation become critical and only then would restrictions or some kind of mandatory vaccination for select groups be justified, he said.

Poland's vaccination rate is of 53 percent far from the desired 70 percent figure that experts estimate is needed to slow the pandemic.

## COVID IN NUMBERS

## POLAND

**CONFIRMED INFECTED**

**3.520.961**

**RECOVERED**

**3.022.771**

**DEATHS**

**83.055**

**IN SERIOUS CONDITION**

**1.820**