

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

The latest news summarized by LIVIA BENKO



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COVID IN NUMBERS

EUROPE

CONFIRMED INFECTED

84.385.671

RECOVERED

64.120.774

DEATHS

1.660.000

EUROPE

Europe has 84 385 671 Covid-19 cases; the five countries reporting most cases are United Kingdom (10 146 915), Russia (9 604 233), France (7 589 961) and Germany (5 799 244).

Europe has experienced 1 519 845 deaths; the five countries reporting most deaths are Russia (273 964), United Kingdom (144 775), Italy (134 212), France (122 917) and Germany (100 832).

One new EU/EEA country (Latvia) has reported the Omicron variant, and a number of probable cases are currently under investigation in several countries.

Based on publicly available sources, the majority of confirmed cases have an epidemiological link to cases with a history of travel to African countries, with some of those having taken connecting flights at other locations between Africa and Europe. All cases for which there is available information on severity were either asymptomatic or mild. No deaths have been reported among these cases so far.



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GERMANY

Germany's parliament will debate a proposed vaccine mandate for hospital and care workers as the country tries to stem a wave of coronavirus infections.

Last week, the country implemented new measures that exclude those who are unvaccinated from nonessential stores, restaurants and sports and cultural venues. At least 68.9% of Germans are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, short of the government's aim of a minimum 75% vaccination

COVID IN NUMBERS

Germany

CONFIRMED INFECTED

6.335.771

RECOVERED

5.225.700

DEATHS

104.912

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

4636

FRANCE

France will close nightclubs from Friday (December 10) for four weeks in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infections.

From 15 January, all adults will need a booster jab at least seven months after being fully vaccinated in order to keep their health passes.

From mid-December, people over the age of 65 will need one to have their health passes extended.

According to figures released by the French public health agency, 12,096 COVID-19 patients were in hospital on Monday, including 2,191 in intensive care.

Some 76.8% of France's 67.4 million people are fully vaccinated, according to the latest figures.

COVID IN NUMBERS

France

CONFIRMED INFECTED

7.987.591

RECOVERED

5.162.757

DEATHS

119.899

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

2.351

BELGIUM

Several thousands of people protested government plans to make vaccination mandatory for health workers in Belgium early next year. Those who refuse vaccination would be suspended from 1 January.

Thousands of people marched through the Belgian capital to protest tightened COVID-19 restrictions enacted by the Belgian government to counter the latest spike in cases.

De Croo said 40% of intensive care beds were filled by COVID-19 patients and people were not getting the treatment they need, "a situation that cannot be tolerated". It's the third week in a row that restrictions have been tightened.

COVID IN NUMBERS

Belgium

CONFIRMED INFECTED

1.879.784

RECOVERED

1.395.359

DEATHS

27.360

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

817