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General
Recovery
COVID-19 Vaccine

- The COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer Inc and BioNTech SE has been able to neutralize a new variant of the coronavirus spreading rapidly in Brazil, according to a laboratory study published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Sputnik V Vaccine:

- Russia RDIF sovereign wealth fund has signed an agreement with Swiss-based pharmaceutical company Adienne to produce the Sputnik V vaccine in Italy. The agreement will need approval from Italian regulators before production can be launched.

Member States

Ireland

- Irish President Micheal D Higgins signed the Health Act 2021 into law on Sunday, stating that travellers from 20 high-risk COVID-19 countries will have to quarantine in a designated hotel for 14 days when arriving.

Italy

- Reuters reports that Italian PM Mario Draghi has said that accelerating the vaccine process in Italy will be the key to overcoming the COVID-19 crisis.

Greece

- Reuters reports that Greece plans to relax lockdown restrictions in both the retail and education sectors by the end of the month. The re-opening of the tourism sector is due to gradually occur from May.

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