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Recovery

COVID-19 Vaccine

- EU leaders are trying to find a way to deal with AstraZeneca vaccine delays, with France, Germany and Italy advocating the Commission’s hard line to block exports.
- On the other hand, Ireland is opposing such a move and the Netherlands wants a deal to be struck with the company.

Ivermectin

- The European Medicines Agency announced that the use of ivermectin for prevention or treatment of COVID-19 cannot currently be recommended outside controlled clinical trials. Further well-designed, randomised studies are needed to draw conclusions as to whether the product is effective and safe in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19.

Member States

Lithuania

- Cyprus and Poland have been added to the list of countries whence arrivals fall subject to tighter self-isolation requirements. Slovenia has been removed from the list.

Slovakia

- Slovakia’s government has imposed a ban on recreational travel abroad from 20 March until 28 April.

Belgium

- Flemish Minister-President Jan Jambon has stated that additional coronavirus fighting measures will be taken if necessary, but as there is no exponential increase in the figures yet, there is no need to panic.

Germany

Germany is extending lockdown measures until April 18 and urging people to stay at home for five days around the Easter holidays in an effort to curb the growth in coronavirus cases.

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