

COVID-19 EU Briefing 26 July 2021

Recovery

COVID-19 Vaccines

- One dose of the **Pfizer**, **Moderna** or **AstraZeneca** vaccine offers higher [protection](#) against symptomatic illness caused by the Delta variant than previous studies have shown, a Canadian study has reported. It is the real-world study, which isn't yet peer reviewed
- The EMA has [listed](#) Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) as a "very rare" side effect of **Johnson & Johnson's** coronavirus vaccine.
- People who received the **J&J** vaccine may need a [booster](#) shot. A significant fraction of blood samples from recipients of the J&J shot had low neutralising antibody levels against the Delta, Delta Plus, Beta and Lambda variants, a study awaiting peer review suggests
- **Moderna's** vaccine could become the second shot given the green light for adolescent use in the European Union after regulators on Friday [recommended](#) approving it for 12- to 17-year-olds ahead of U.S. authorities.
- European Commissioner for Health Stella Kyriakides [has noted](#) that Johnson & Johnson is not in a position to deliver 55 million doses by the end of the second quarter of 2021.

Travel

- The **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** [disagrees](#) with the EU decision to set the winter slot use threshold at 50% as the result of these changes will be to restrict the ability of airlines to operate with the agility needed to respond to unpredictable and rapidly changing demand, leading to environmentally wasteful and unnecessary flights.

Member States:

France:

- The French Senate has [introduced](#) changes to the government's draft corona-pass to exempt minors and remove restaurant and cafe terraces from places requiring the new passe sanitaire. Senators also tabled an amendment to postpone implementation to September, instead of August. The law now needs final approval from the lower house of parliament.

Germany:

- German Chancellery Minister, Helge Braun wants to only allow [vaccinated](#) people in restaurants, cinemas or stadiums when the incidence is high stating that "Vaccinated people will have more freedom than unvaccinated people" due to fears that the number of new coronavirus cases in Germany could soar to 100,000 a day in about two months unless more get vaccinated

The Netherlands:

- Ukrainian nationals are [permitted](#) to travel to the Netherlands even for non-essential purposes such as tourism without being obliged to follow testing and quarantine rules upon their arrival

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