

COVID-19 EU Briefing 14 September 2021

Recovery

Vaccine patents

- Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has [urged](#) the EU, Norway, Switzerland, and the UK to stop blocking coronavirus vaccine patent-waivers ahead of a World Trade Organisation meeting on the issue on Tuesday.

COVID-19 Studies

- People not fully vaccinated are 11 more times [likely](#) to die from COVID-19 than those with full protection, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Member States

Estonia

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has [revealed](#) that all unvaccinated travellers arriving from Austria, Croatia, and the Netherlands are now required to follow a mandatory ten-day quarantine requirement since the countries have been moved to the red list. The quarantine period can be shortened if unvaccinated travellers test negative on the first day of their arrival and if they provide a second negative test result on the seventh day of the quarantine.

France

- The [number](#) of French patients in hospital with COVID-19 fell below 10,000 again for the first time since mid-August.

Greece

- Greece will make a COVID-19 booster vaccine [available](#) to vulnerable groups from Tuesday, Health Ministry experts said, hoping to curb a rise in Delta variant infections. Authorities are making booster jab appointments available from today to persons with compromised immune systems and individuals over the age of 60.
- Greece on Monday [introduced](#) mandatory weekly testing for all unvaccinated workers. Public and private sector employees will have to pay for weekly tests or carry a vaccination certificate to gain access to their place of work, while unvaccinated children at high schools are being given test kits.

Ireland

- Ireland will [extend](#) its COVID-19 wage subsidy program, the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS), into 2022.

Slovenia

- Slovenia from this week [requires](#) that all people who enter indoor spaces, with few exceptions, be vaccinated against COVID-19 or show negative tests unless they have had the disease in the previous six months.

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