

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 05 October 2021

### Recovery

#### Vaccines

- EMA's human medicines committee (CHMP) has [concluded](#) that an extra dose of the COVID-19 vaccines Comirnaty (BioNTech/Pfizer) and Spikevax (Moderna) may be given to people with severely weakened immune systems, at least 28 days after their second dose.
- COVID-19 vaccines are less effective on people with weakened immune systems, three small Italian studies [show](#), which the studies' researchers say highlight the need to deploy booster shots for this group of vulnerable people. 30% of immunocompromised patients do not develop immunity to the virus after vaccination.

#### Therapeutics

- The EMA has started [evaluating](#) an application for marketing authorisation for the monoclonal antibody Regkirona (regdanvimab, also known as CT-P59) to treat adults with COVID-19 who do not require supplemental oxygen therapy and who are at increased risk of progressing to severe COVID 19. The applicant is Celltrion Healthcare Hungary Kft

### Member States

#### Estonia

- Estonia has [moved](#) Liechtenstein and San Marino from the list of red listed countries to the list of medium risk

#### Italy

- Following the [announcement](#) of the extension of the use of the Green Pass and the decision to make the COVID-19 certificate mandatory for all workers, thousands have protested in the streets of Rome, Milan, and Trieste.

#### Sweden

- Sweden's Public Health Agency has [recommended](#) the use of Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccine against COVID-19 for children between 12-15, but not Moderna's due to the extent of data available

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