

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 27 April 2022

The new Weekly EU COVID-19 Briefing will include recent developments from the EU on treatments, vaccines and high-level announcements as well as important restrictions updates on a Member State level.

### *General EU Developments*

#### ***International:***

- **Spain:** Spain has relaxed rules for travellers ahead of the holidays, with unvaccinated teens only needing a negative covid-19 test and face masks are no longer required to wear masks indoors.
- **Greece:** As of 1 May, Greece will stop requiring travellers to show proof of vaccination, a negative test, or proof of recovery to enter the country.
- **Portugal:** Authorities have reinstated the requirement of presenting a vaccination, recovery or negative test proof for all arrivals.
- **Austria:** It lifted covid-19 rules for cross-border commuters entering the country
- **Malta:** It continues to uphold a long red-list of countries, requiring quarantining upon entry, even if vaccinated. The Malta Chamber has called for travel restrictions to be removed for red-listed countries to help international business.

#### ***Domestic:***

- **Germany:** The government has backtracked on plans to drop mandatory self-isolation. Hamburg and Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania continue to have in place restrictions regarding covid-19, as they are considered “hotspot” states.
- **Ireland:** Hospital admissions have dropped below 500, WHO predicts another surge in four to six weeks.
- **Italy:** As the government plans on relaxing most measures in May, masks will reportedly continue to be compulsory in public offices, on transport and in places of entertainment.
- **Estonia:** Estonia has rejected Pfizer’s covid drug offer, instead of awaiting the outcome of the EU’s next joint procurement.
- **Portugal:** The obligation to wear a face mask in closed spaces was abolished from 21 April, except for healthcare facilities and transport means.
- **Lithuania:** Lithuania lifted its covid-19 related “extreme situation” regime.
- **Belgium:** The next Consultative Committee meeting will take place on 6 May and authorities may plan to switch away from the “barometer” if the situation continues to evolve favourably.
- **Greece:** Health authorities foresee a calm summer for the covid-19 pandemic, but also a possible autumn upsurge when temperatures start to drop again.
- **Denmark:** It has become the first country to suspend its covid vaccination campaign, the program will reopen later this year
- **Finland:** Finland’s president remains in hospital following prolonged covid-19 symptoms

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