

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 22 June 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:*

- **Estonia:** Estonia dropped covid entry measures for all non-EU travellers as of 16 June.
- **Finland:** Finland will abolish entry measures for third country's citizens from 30 June.

#### *Domestic:*

- **Germany:** Health minister Karl Lauterbach recommended the voluntary wearing of masks indoors and indicated stricter rules could return in autumn. According to reports, he is planning to make the requirement to wear a face mask mandatory for indoor areas for six months of the year.
- **Ireland:** Chief executive of the HSE, Paul Reid, said they are considering making a recommendation to Government to make masks mandatory in some settings. Tánaiste Leo Varadkar has said he believes the country can get through the summer wave of covid infections without the need to bring in fresh restrictions.
- **The Netherlands:** The two biggest employers organisations in the country have made a public appeal to get people to start keeping to the basic coronavirus rules again, because of fears that a new wave is imminent.
- **Italy:** The Italian government approved measures to extend the mask mandate on public transport, with the exception of planes, until 30 September.
- **Greece:** The number of new coronavirus cases in Greece jumped to 12,537 in the 24 hours ending on Tuesday morning, a sharp increase from Monday's 4,832. Greek Health Minister Thanos Plevris ejected concerns that the government rushed to suspend covid-related restrictions in time for the tourist season, arguing that the recent jump in new infections was "fully under control."

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