

COVID-19 EU Briefing 29 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

European:

- The Council gave its green light to the extension of the regulation establishing the EU digital COVID certificate. The current regulation will now be extended until 30 June 2023

International:

- **Finland:** Finland will end covid entry restrictions from 1 July.
- **France:** The French government is considering a draft bill to allow it to keep the covid health pass in place for international travel in and out of France until 31 March 2023. There are no plans to reintroduce the health pass for use inside France.

Domestic:

- **Bulgaria:** The Ministry of Health approved the recommendations of the Expert Council regarding the administration of a fourth dose (second booster) of the mRNA vaccine in all persons aged 18 and over who wish. The second booster dose can be given at least 4 months after the first booster in individuals who have completed a vaccination course with a two-dose vaccine.
- **Belgium:** While the number of cases has been increasing recently, the pressure on hospitals remains limited as the subvariant does not seem to make people particularly ill. For this reason, health experts and authorities are not looking to tighten up measures again.
- **Italy:** Italy will not scrap its mandatory covid isolation period, the health minister has said.
- **Greece:** The sixth wave of the coronavirus pandemic is expected to peak in mid-July when infections may reach 25,000, an expert said Monday.
- **Cyprus:** The Cabinet decided to make face masks mandatory again in pharmacies, clinical labs and testing areas.

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