

COVID-19 EU Briefing 06 July 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:

- **Finland:** Finland lifted covid entry restrictions on 1 July.
- **Portugal:** The country has finally lifted all of its entry restrictions. Since 1 July, it is no longer mandatory to present a digital certificate of vaccination, recovery or negative test. The Portuguese health authorities justified the end of the restrictions with high vaccine status in the country, the appearance of new medicines to combat the graveness of the virus and the deepest knowledge about the infection.

Domestic:

- **France:** The French authorities have recommended that their citizens start wearing face masks again when accessing different indoor public spaces as the number of covid-19 infections has been increasing in the country.
- **Portugal:** Despite the end of the entry restrictions, masks continue to be mandatory in public transport, hospitals, senior residences and pharmacies.
- **Spain:** The Spanish authorities have recommended that their citizens start wearing face masks again when accessing different indoor public spaces as the number of covid-19 infections has been increasing in the country.
- **Romania:** The peak of the SARS-CoV-2 infection in Romania in the coming wave could be reached between 14 – 21 August, Romania's minister of health Alexandru Rafila said.
- **Greece:** The increase in new covid-19 infections in the last three weeks is particularly evident in the 18-24 age group and in tourist areas. Meanwhile, a campaign highlighting that the use of masks remains mandatory on all public transport was launched.
- **Cyprus:** The Scientific Advisory Committee is looking at the possibility of reinstating the requirement to use protective masks in order to cut down on infections, especially during the summer.
- **Italy:** The new rules in Italy will require mask use for those with specific health risks, or in cases where workplaces could increase the risk of infection.

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