

COVID-19 EU Briefing 13 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

European:

- The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) are recommending that second booster doses of covid-19 vaccines be considered for people between 60 and 79 years old and people with medical conditions putting them at high risk of severe disease.

International:

- **Spain:** Visitors arriving in Spain from outside the EU or Schengen zone must present proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative test result.
- **Malta:** The Maltese authorities have announced that the country will drop its covid-19 entry restrictions on 25 July.
- **Greece:** A new government decision issued by the Greek authorities has established that tourists who get infected with the covid-19 disease while being in Greece will not be required to go into quarantine.
- **Luxembourg:** Travellers to Luxembourg will remain subject to entry restrictions for almost three more months, as the coronavirus entry measures have been extended until 30 September.

Domestic:

- **Austria:** Vienna announced stricter covid rules in hospitals. It will bring back an FFP2 mask mandate for workers in hospitals and care homes. The country also decided to formally scrap the mandatory covid vaccination law.
- **Germany:** Cases are on the rising with a higher degree in comparison to cases reported last year.
- **Portugal:** The public authorities in the Madeira archipelago have decided to abolish the mandatory face mask requirement in maritime as well as air terminals.
- **Spain:** Wearing a mask on public transport is required. Visitors who contract covid while in the country and are asymptomatic or with mild symptoms are no longer required to self-isolate.
- **The Netherlands:** The Dutch government is currently making plans for another round of covid-19 booster shots and sent reminders to citizens who had been vaccinated but had not yet received the booster shot.
- **Greece:** The week from July 4-10 saw 13,623 new coronavirus cases per million people, an 18% increase from the previous week.

- **Cyprus:** Cyprus is bringing back compulsory mask-wearing in indoor areas for everyone age 12 and over amid a surge of covid-19 infections.

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