

COVID-19 EU Briefing 13 September 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 Medicines Agency (EMA) [recommended](#) authorizing an adapted bivalent vaccine targeting the Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 in addition to the original strain of SARS-CoV-2. Comirnaty Original/Omicron BA.4-5 is for use in people aged 12 years and above who have received at least a primary course of vaccination against covid-19.

Domestic:

- **Belgium:** The second booster injection of the covid-19 vaccine started in Brussels starts on Monday 12 September. All citizens over the age of 50 who have received an invitation will be able to be vaccinated by appointment from September 12. Anyone over the age of 18 who so wishes will be able to benefit from the second booster dose of vaccination without an appointment from 1 October.
- **Czech Republic:** Booster shots are now being administered at 54 facilities. The new formula can be used for both the first and second booster shots.
- **Croatia:** Vaccinations against the Omicron variant began.
- **Denmark:** Denmark's autumn covid-19 vaccination programme will start on 15 September, when care home residents and people aged 85 and over will be invited for a booster vaccine.
- **Greece:** The National Organization for Public Health (EODY) announced that it had identified the Centaurus subvariant of the covid-19 virus in Greece. Greece opened the online appointments booking platform for updated covid-19 vaccines. The updated vaccines by Pfizer and Moderna can be administered to people aged twelve or older but are intended only as a booster dose after completing the initial vaccination.
- **Germany:** The German authorities announced new measures from 1 October 2022 effective until 7 April 2023. All people over the age of 14 will be required to wear an FFP2 mask on long-distance trains in Germany. Children between the ages of six and 13 will also be required to wear a face mask on long-distance trains. Passengers will not be required to wear a face mask for domestic as well international flights. The rules are subject to change in case of an increase in Covid restrictions.
- **Italy:** Regional health services in Italy will open bookings for covid-19 booster shots to priority groups from Monday as the first deliveries of updated vaccines arrived in the country.
- **Latvia:** As of Monday, 12 September, new covid-19 vaccines are available at general practitioners and vaccination rooms in Latvia.
- **Luxembourg:** Luxembourg began the roll-out of new covid-19 jabs on Monday.
- **Poland:** Poland received the first batch of over 450,000 targeted vaccines against covid-19.

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