



## **Covid-19 : Weekly Situation Bulletin**

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### **Epidemic situation in Europe**

The incidence curves\* of the Covid-19 epidemic remained on a downward trend last week, except in Spain where the trend is however showing a plateau, after several weeks of sharp recovery.

This favorable development does not, however, reduce the fear of a third wave linked to the strong contagiousness of the new variants. With the exception of Italy, which has eased its quarantine measures for travellers arriving on direct flight designated "without COVID" most other countries have maintained or even tightened their measures.

### **Epidemic situation and screening in the Korian network**

The improvement of the situation is confirmed in our network, in particular in Germany with a drop in the number of Covid-19 people and a drop in the number of establishments affected. This continues the trend started last week and suggests that Germany has reached the peak of this second wave

On 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 203 retirement homes had at least one positive case, i.e. 24% of the European network compared to 234 last week. 2,079 residents were tested positive for coronavirus, which is 400 less than previous week.

As always since the beginning of this second wave, the vast majority of people who tested positive - over 90,4% - remain asymptomatic or pauci-symptomatic.

114 of the affected establishments had 4 case or more (4S) against 121 last week, i.e. 13,3% of the medico-social network.

69 establishments emerged from the epidemic phase last week, including 32 in Germany, among which several were in 4S.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 10,000 residents have recovered from Covid-19, including 3,500 since the beginning of the year and 1,174 in the last 7 days. In total, more than 16,900 residents have recovered from Covid-19 since the beginning of the epidemic.

## Vaccination campaign

The vaccination campaign continues throughout the network according to the protocols and pace defined by each health authority in the different territories. No slowdown linked to any supply or organizational difficulties is to be deplored.

As of today, 58% of residents, and 30% of the workforce have been vaccinated.

**In France**, the campaign accelerated sharply with 54% of our residents that have received their first injection and nearly 2,800 employees.

**In Germany**, more than 48% of our residents are vaccinated with an acceptance rate of 90% and 6,330 employees with an acceptance rate above 57%.

**In Spain**, 96% of residents are vaccinated. The vaccination campaign for the second dose has started with already more than 62% of residents vaccinated; it should end around February 8.

**In Italy**, nearly 72% of our residents are vaccinated, and 4,000 employees.

**In Belgium**, 83% of our residents are vaccinated as well as nearly 2,600 employees. Refusal rates are stable at around 5% for residents and 30% for employees.

**In the Netherlands**, the vaccination of employees started with 770 vaccinated and an acceptance rate of 75%.

## Hygiene standard and preventive measures

New mutations, such as that of variant B.1.1.7 identified by the United Kingdom last December, raise fears of a resurgence in incidence due to their greater contagiousness.

Although there is no scientific evidence for the moment to suggest greater danger or resistance to currently available vaccines, this high contagiousness does raise fears of a possible third wave. This situation calls for the utmost vigilance in the respect of barrier gestures and the rapid deployment of vaccination.

Reinforced measures have been taken to prevent the circulation of more contagious variants, through a preventive reinforcement of stocks of personal protective equipment; a widening of safety distance ; daily monitoring of possible clusters around our sites.

## Access to facilities and visits

Against a backdrop of tougher traffic measures taken by all governments, and particularly in France, the Group is committed to maintaining the various social activities and visits in all its facilities, for the quality of life and comfort of residents and patients. The only exceptions to this rule may be justified by the particular health situation of an establishment or on the explicit directive of the Health Authorities.

As a precautionary measure, however, visitors are asked to announce their presence and to comply with the strictest hygiene measures (wearing masks, maintaining a specific distance, and limited access to rooms).

In France in particular, ministerial instructions dated 20 November 2020 recommend that visitors be screened 72 hours before their visit by RT-PCR or during the day in a pharmacy by antigenic test.

As far as possible, we favour meetings in common areas, which are more spacious and more airy.

In addition, remote visits via Skype or Whatsapp are possible in the various facilities throughout the network. Dedicated applications have been deployed in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and France to facilitate contact with families and enable themselves to plan their visits.

We would like to salute the residents, families and all stakeholders for their spirit of responsibility and support during this period.

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