



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

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### **Epidemic situation in Europe**

Incidence rates continue to evolve favourably in the countries where the Group is present, particularly in Spain, where the decline is very significant after the peak reached three weeks ago. Only Italy shows a plateau after several weeks of decline.

Nevertheless, vigilance is still required as the share of new variants in infections increases. The WHO therefore still recommends that very strict measures be taken to ensure compliance with barrier gestures.

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

The improvement of the situation is confirmed in our network with a drop in the number of Covid-19 people and a drop in the number of establishments affected.

On 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 161 retirement homes had at least one positive case, i.e. 19% of the European network compared to 181 last week with less than 2% of residents testing positive for coronavirus, a significant drop from the previous week.

79 of the affected establishments had 4 case or more (4S) against 104 last week, i.e. 9% of the medico-social network vs 12,1%.

41 establishments emerged from the epidemic phase last week, including 27 in Germany, among which several were in 4S.

As always since the beginning of this second wave, the vast majority of people who tested positive - over 92,5 % - remain asymptomatic or pauci-symptomatic and only 7.5% of those who test positive have symptoms that may require oxygen therapy.

In total, nearly 18,370 residents have recovered from Covid-19 since the beginning of the epidemic, including nearly 1,000 in the last 7 days.

### **Vaccination campaign in the Korian network**

The vaccination campaign is continuing throughout the network according to the protocols and rhythm defined by each health authority in the different territories and the second vaccination has begun. There are no difficulties related to any supply

problems. Full vaccination is still scheduled to be completed at the end of the first quarter of 2021.

To date, more than 73% of residents and more than 40% of staff have been vaccinated with a first dose. A third of the residents have received the second injection. As in previous weeks, adherence rates are good and remain in the order of 90% among residents and between 55% and 70% among staff.

**In France**, 64% of residents have received the first dose of vaccination. It should be noted that more than 15% of residents cannot access the vaccination before 2 months because they have recently been ill with Covid-19 (according to French health regulations). On the other hand, 18% of staff are vaccinated. Nevertheless, only employees over the age of 50 and/or with comorbidity were given priority in France. These vaccination rates should therefore be able to improve with the forthcoming extension of the indications.

**In Germany**, 68% of residents have been vaccinated and 37% of employees.

**In Spain**, 96% of residents are vaccinated and 84% of employees.

**In Italy**, 90% of residents and 41% of employees have been vaccinated.

**In Belgium**, 89% of residents and 79% of employees have been vaccinated, of which more than 2/3 have already received their second dose.

**In the Netherlands**, 69% of residents and 85% of employees are vaccinated.

### **Testing policy**

More than 104,000 tests are carried out every week with residents/patients or staff. The announced arrival in France of rapid saliva tests finally opens up the possibility of quick and easy tests in the near future.

### **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.

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