



Covid-19 : Weekly Situation Bulletin

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Epidemic situation in Europe

The incidence curves* of the Covid-19 epidemic started to fall again last week in the European countries where the Group is present, with the exception of Spain, which recorded a sharp rise in its incidence rate to 714/100,000.

Nevertheless, the emergence of changes, such as the B.1.1.7 variant identified in the United Kingdom, raise fears of the possibility of a third wave, and call for the utmost vigilance and the continuation of the health barrier measures put in place in the various European countries where the Korian Group is present. A number of countries are therefore maintaining or even strengthening their measures.

Epidemic situation and screening in the Korian network

On 21st of January, 234 retirement homes had at least one positive case, i.e. 28% of the European network compared to 233 last week. 2,492 residents were tested positive for coronavirus, about 100 more than last week. Concerning the situation in Germany, the evolution of the last few days leads us to believe that we have reached the peak of this second wave; this trend will have to be confirmed next week.

As always since the beginning of this second wave, the vast majority of people who tested positive - over 90% - remain asymptomatic (65%) or pauci-symptomatic (26%).

121 of the affected establishments had 4 cases or more (4S), against 122 last week, i.e. 14% of the medico-social network. 24 establishments emerged from the epidemic phase this week, among which several were in 4S.

Since 1st of November, 8,500 residents have recovered from Covid-19, including 2,103 since the beginning of the year and 524 in the last 7 days. In total, more than 15,500 residents have recovered from Covid-19 since the beginning of the epidemic.

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.

Vaccination campaign

The vaccination campaign continues throughout the network according to the protocols and pace defined by each health authority in the different territories.

As of today, more than 28,000 residents in the six countries where the Group is present and 13,000 employees have already received their first injection of the vaccine, i.e. 47% of residents, and 22% of the workforce.

In Germany, after more than two weeks of campaigning, 44% of residents received their first injection with an acceptance rate of almost 90% and more than 5,300 employees with an acceptance rate of around 57%.

In France, the campaign is accelerating and is currently planned in all of the network's nursing houses, according to the priorities defined by the Regional Health Agencies (ARS). Only 7 houses have not received specific dates for the beginning of the campaign, The campaign has been stepped up significantly in the past week with nearly 6,569 residents and 1,000 staff members vaccinated to date. Only employees over the age of 50 with co-morbidities are given priority for vaccination during this first phase.

In Spain, 96% of residents are vaccinated. The vaccination campaign for the second dose began this week in the Balearic Islands and should be completed in February.

In Italy, more than 71% of residents have been vaccinated and nearly 3,300 employees have been vaccinated.

In Belgium, 59% of residents and 1,490 employees have been vaccinated, with a refusal rate of 5% for residents and around 30% for employees. In the Netherlands, the vaccination of employees started last week.

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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.

Doctor Didier Armaingaud,

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