



Covid-19 : Weekly Situation Bulletin

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Epidemic situation in Europe

The slowdown in the spread of the virus observed in week 45 was confirmed in week 46 and accentuated in week 47. If this encouraging trend continues, we will have passed the peak of this second wave for our entire network in the coming days.

The incidence* felt sharply in France to 309/100,000 against 582 the previous week and in Belgium to 282/100,000 against 502. The decline is also confirmed in Italy with an incidence of 442/100,000 compared to 582 and in Germany at 171/100,000 compared to 228 the previous week. Spain is also down to 237/100,000 compared to 342 and the Netherlands to 355/100,000 compared to 502.

Epidemic situation in the Korian network

For almost a week now, we have seen a stabilization, or even a slight reduction, in the number of establishments affected, which suggests that the peak of the second wave may have been reached. With 70% of the network spared, the establishments have so far managed to resist well to a viral pressure which is much stronger than during the first wave and is present in all the territories.

As of 19 November, 250 nursing homes, representing 30% of the European network, had at least one positive case, i.e. a total of 2,694 positive cases (3.7% of residents). Among the affected establishments, 146 (18% of the sites) had 4 or more cases, compared to 147 last week. 43 establishments emerged from the epidemic episode this week.

The vast majority (91%) of our residents concerned fortunately remain asymptomatic or pauci-symptomatic. Only 9% of them present a more severe form requiring, among other things, oxygen therapy.

Since the 1st of November 1,483 residents have been cured (649 more in the last 7 days).

The proportion of Group employees who tested positive for Covid in our nursing homes is 2.6%. Since 1st of August, 2,600 employees who tested positive have been able to return to work safely.

It should be noted that regular tests are carried out on the teams in the establishments, with one test every fortnight in establishments located in the epidemic zone.

Thus, during the past week, 16,000 classic PCR tests were carried out in the establishments, supplemented in France by the first antigenic tests (3,000).

This systematic screening policy will be further expanded in the coming weeks, as part of the measures taken by the local health authorities in Germany, France and Belgium to deploy rapid-reading antigenic tests.

An initial stock of 75,000 antigenic tests has already been built up in France at the sites and centrally.

Team Support

In this period of sustained mobilisation and in an uncertain health and social environment, our teams are bearing a heavy mental load on a daily basis.

Exceptional resources have been mobilised to support them and enable them to survive over the long term.

Thus, the sourcing unit (40 people in France 24/7) has been reactivated to provide reinforcements and replacements on the sites. More than 1663 CV has been sent to our establishments since the beginning of the second wave.

In addition, teams of social workers and prevention officers intervene to ensure the follow-up of sick employees in each country.

On-site or remote psychological support systems have been rolled out in each country, with, for example, 47 referring psychologists trained in France and the "coaching for heroes" programme in Belgium, supplemented in France by medical and psychiatric teleconsultations open to all professionals. In addition, relaxation or meditation sessions are offered on the sites, if necessary with online tutorials.

Finally, for site managers, a dedicated programme, called s.Keys, has been launched on a European scale. This programme includes modules on personal development, time management, stress and work-life balance.

Support for the public health service

The group actively participates in the collective mobilisation in the fight against Covid-19.

In France, nearly 850 downstream beds in 81 establishments can be mobilised at the request of the health authorities, mainly in Ile-de-France, Rhône-Alpes and

Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. Since 1st of October, nearly 400 Covid-19 patients have been admitted to hospital discharge. In Italy, 7 follow-up care and rehabilitation clinics have been mobilised with more than a hundred places in the Group's five main regions of operation (Lombardy, Tuscany, Sardinia, Puglia and Valle d'Aosta). In Belgium, 150 places have been identified in 20 establishments; the first admissions took place this week in 5 establishments.

In addition, the group's home hospitalisation services continue to work with medical-social establishments to support them in caring for Covid-19 patients.

Finally, an "e-rehabilitation" service to ensure continuity of care despite confinement is beginning to be rolled out across the network. This makes it possible, in particular, to offer a consultation and follow-up service for patients in day hospitalisation via a digital platform. In addition to consultations, patients are also offered tutorials. Over the next two months, 19 establishments in France will offer this service.

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1. Incidence: number of new cases per 100,000 people per week with an epidemic threshold of 50/100,000.