



Covid-19 : Weekly Situation Bulletin

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Epidemic situation in Europe

Although last week's incidence remains high in all countries where the group is present, the peak of the third wave seems to be behind us and the epidemic pressure has started to decrease. Unfortunately, the utmost vigilance is still required given the resurgence of the epidemic in some parts of the world such as Brazil, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and India. However, it is important to note that the variants from these countries currently account for very few of the positive cases in our countries, probably due to the characteristics of the British variant, whose very high circulation seems to protect against the spread of other variants. It is therefore advisable in this context to remain cautious and to continue the vaccination effort.

Epidemic situation in the Korian network

The health situation in our network remains stable and confirms the clear improvement of the last few weeks thanks to the vaccination rate, which is close to 85% for residents and 60% for staff.

Thus, on 22 April, as in the previous week, only 13 establishments still had 4 or more cases, i.e. less than 2% of the network (12 in France and 1 in Germany).

Less than 0.3% of the residents and 0.6% of the employees (health and medico-social sector) are positive to Covid-19. The improvement in clinical forms is confirmed with more than 2/3 (69.7%) of positive persons totally asymptomatic and 27.7% pauci symptomatic. Only 2.6% present a clinical form that may require hospitalisation and/or oxygen therapy.

Vaccination campaign in the Korian network

The first vaccination campaign was a success, with over 84% of residents and over 60% of employees vaccinated, with many countries reaching thresholds of over 80% for all employees. This campaign is continuing in France and Germany to increase the employee vaccination rate.

As a reminder, the entire network has entered into a "run-of-the-mill" vaccination process for new residents or all those who could not access the initial vaccination due

to their recent infection with Covid-19. These vaccination times will help to maintain and reinforce the collective level of vaccination.

Testing policy

More than 110,000 tests are still carried out every week with residents/patients, employees or external parties.

Support for Covid-long

While the Covid-19 epidemic has been affecting Europe for more than a year, the medical and scientific community is fully mobilised on the persistence of serious long-term consequences for the many people infected. This "long Covid" is now considered as a new and complex disease, with physical and psychological impacts. It requires comprehensive and innovative care over a long period of time.

With the experience acquired over many years in the treatment of respiratory diseases in its "breath clinics", the Korian network of clinics now offers a complete post-Covid-19 rehabilitation programme. The aim is as much to improve patients' respiratory capacities as to relieve the anxiety and depression that can affect many of them.

This interdisciplinary and individualised programme lasts 3 to 4 weeks, in full hospitalisation and in day hospital. It is currently deployed in 17 follow-up care and rehabilitation clinics, specialising in physical medicine and rehabilitation and in respiratory diseases, throughout France.

It benefits from the mobilisation of specialised teams including general practitioners, doctors specialising in physical and rehabilitation medicine, pulmonologists, psychologists, physiotherapists, adapted physical activity teachers, dieticians, etc., as well as adapted technical platforms and locations conducive to rehabilitation, particularly in the mountains and in the countryside. These respite stays should enable patients to return to a lifestyle as normal as possible.

Hygiene standard and preventive measures

The new mutations encourage us to remain vigilant in respecting barrier measures. Thus, reinforced measures have been taken within the network, notably the preventive reinforcement of stocks of personal protective equipment, the widening of safety distances as well as the daily surveillance of possible clusters around our sites.

Access to facilities, activities and visits

Given the confirmation of the effectiveness of the vaccine protection, the health authorities continue to progressively relax the visiting and discharge rules. This relaxation is expected to continue as vaccination progresses in the general population. Differences in the applicable rules nevertheless remain from one country to another and a very strong vigilance remains necessary with the threat of new variants. The Korian network has always been very careful to maintain the various social activities and visits in all its establishments, for the quality of life and comfort of residents and patients.



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