

Corona News 03.03.2021 Lockdown end or what's up

Otherwise I'm not anticipating anything but for today's news Merkel and Prime Minister I predict: Lockdown from Monday away for everyone with the usual restrictions AHA OHO and Haha rules.

I would like to start today because that is where the whining and the pressure on politics is greatest, with the retail trade, namely the one that has not been allowed to open since Monday. A consortium of leading retail groups has provided Mr. Altmaier with a brand new, watertight top concept that makes it possible to reopen immediately. Before I introduce the concept, I ask myself why immediate opening is possible? Doesn't every retailer, even those who were not involved in the concept, have to first get to know about it, create possibilities for implementation and implement it; if it's so great, it can't be that easy. Yes it is.

But not super great, not even great. Just old-fashioned like the last concepts. The so-called 7-point plan, which was made available to me by a retail chain, is called the self-commitment of the trade - 7-point hygiene concept. Under point 1 regulate access, the number of customers and admission controls should ensure that the shop does not get too crowded. We already had so many customers per square meter, nothing new. Point 2 cleaning and disinfecting describes the use of disinfectants on critical surfaces, special cash register protection such as windows and regular ventilation. We already had that; Ventilation takes place as always:

A ventilation system runs in large shops where no door can be open. As always. Keep your distance from point 3. What is meant are minimum distances and markings on the floor, e.g. at the checkout. Distance markings in waiting areas. Everything has already been there, the latter was not implemented in large stores because of many waiting areas. Point 4 Curbing transmission routes describes the obligation to wear a mask, use masks and disposable gloves for employees, customer masks and contactless payment. We already had everything, I hardly believe that small businesses set up contactless payment for a lot of money if they don't already have it.

Point 5, organizing employees, describes the recording of new infections, contact tracking and quarantine even if there is suspicion and no joint breaks. This point is particularly interesting in the implementation. How does the retailer want to know if someone is infected? Who does the contact follow-up? The employer? How come? And best of all: no breaks together. I agree. Somebody has to explain that to me. An employer with usually ONE smoking and non-smoking break room and let's say 50 employees should only have 1 person in each room? How should it work? Is it possible that half of the employees do not get any breaks at all?

I take a close look at this implementation. Point 6 to increase awareness is to be carried out with customers in matters of hygiene measures and with employees in matters of training and hygiene measures. Old hat, it's been like that since March last year. Last point, then you survived, ensuring point 7 implementation means exercising house rights, keeping documentation and regularly checking whether everything is working. If you impose these rules on yourself, it goes without saying that it will be implemented mercilessly. Why else these rules? Let's summarize: Apart from a lot of hot air because of the great new safe concept, nothing was done. Point 8. Everything stays as usual.

Not only retail has thought about how to get back to openings quickly. The event industry has not been idle either and has called on 20 scientists / experts and around 40 cultural and sports institutions to develop a new opening strategy paper so that there can be openings with spectators again shortly. The paper then has not just 1 A4 page as in retail, but around 22 pages. A brief review of the paper, which was kindly made available to me by an organizer, shows that there are really new results and a new, streamlined concept compared to old documents, shows that there is another way.

Of course, earlier concepts are also partly taken up here but combined with new findings and how should I put it: refined. After all, not everything that was implemented in 2020 was bad, but a development of the ideas must simply be visible after a year of Corona. This is it here. Those who try hard and really think about it should also be rewarded. At least if the whole thing sounds plausible and safe. The venues that participated in the restart strategy include the Verti Music Hall, Quarterback Immobilien Arena, the Mercedes-Benz Arena, Barclaycard Arena, Max-Schmeling-Halle, Olympiapark Munich, Lanxess Arena and the SAP Arena.

The third major industry is the hotel and restaurant industry. Here, too, the call for openings is justified. But there is little initiative here. Instead of presenting a new, revised concept and thus flying the flag, demands on the government for quick opening scenarios, the claim would exist. A claim does not exist as long as the risk of infections in this trade is not safely prevented. In these sensitive areas in particular, the risk of infection is often greater than in other sectors such as public events in the open air, where the possibility of infection is almost impossible at a distance.

Much more interesting for the citizens, at least for those who are seriously concerned with Corona and are in the fortunate position of not having had an infection yet, which of course you have to be more careful about and take all measures, because the mutations imitate The latest findings now account for around 30% of new infections, and that's not enough. The infection is 3 times greater than with the basic variant, and what Prof. Streeck believed in January 2021 did not occur either: mutations would have a milder course if the infection was higher. In the meantime we know that the mutation, whichever one, there are constantly being added, is more contagious AND in some cases has a more difficult course. In addition, what is said to have recovered, sometimes for months, has to do with sequelae such as a drop in performance, air restriction and other physical problems that sometimes remain chronic. In addition, infections have occurred despite vaccinations, regardless of the reason. And it is not known how long the different vaccinations offer protection at all. I don't think the prospect is rosy and the millions of quick tests that are now being sought: They are not carried out across the board anyway. What use is it if 5 companies use them in one place, 10 not?

Again I received information about a remedy that should help against Corona. And it has nothing to do with vaccination. As we have heard in the meantime, even simple gargling with disinfectants is now supposed to drastically reduce the likelihood of infection with corona, as the viruses in the upper throat area start the infection and "take over" the human body and then migrate downwards towards the lungs. If it were that easy, I wonder why pharmacies don't sell gargles in liter quantities instead of masks. But some just have to be present on TV or elsewhere so that they have said something. Sounds simple and easy: Marinomed Biotech AG has developed a nasal spray that is said to be effective not only against known respiratory diseases, but also against Corvid. A first study has shown that nasal sprays with Carragelose® are extremely suitable for preventing infection, the probability of infection would be reduced by around 80%. It is said to have been recommended for the general population by the German Society for Hospital Hygiene as early as December 2020. I haven't heard of anything, but that's something. In addition, such a nasal spray is produced, for example, by the company SIGMAPHARM in Vienna under the name Coldamaris plus or Coldamaris pro and is available on the German market.

A few brief comments on the subject of vaccination. In the meantime, one wonders why commissions were actually set up at that time, the STIKO and the EU endeavored to create a vaccination plan based on need in lengthy discussions, where the federal government then first preferred the refugees without consultation. Then teachers and educators followed, then the police officers who take part in demonstrations. In the meantime, the list is actually wasted and can be trashed, nobody knows when it's his turn. And if you don't answer loudly, you will unfortunately continue to slide. That's how it is in Germany. Then a few politicians and officials intervene, sometimes because otherwise vaccine would

have to be disposed of. And AstraZeneca vaccine in particular is lying around everywhere because people don't come to vaccinate. Sorry, if people do not show up for the vaccination appointment, you can invite new people from other categories of importance at short notice in order not to be idle. The lists are there. How long does one actually wait until someone forfeits their vaccination place? There seems to be zero organization here, which fits in with the chaotic vaccination orders.

On the subject of the procurement of hygiene / disinfectants, masks and the like, the Bundestag decided last week that every citizen with basic security should receive an extra 150 euros from the state. On the other hand, the Paritätische Gesamtverband Berlin had taken a position and cited a survey that the majority of the population would consider this to be too low, it would have to be 100 euros more per month, plus a standard rate increase to 600 euros. I then wrote to the association and asked for an explanation of these massive additional payments. I am writing this topic especially because the association has not responded, although it is so important. Or maybe there is just one problem with justifying this requirement properly. Because in the headline of the press release it is said that the survey on the cost of living has triggered criticism of the level of basic security. That's right, but the cost of living has nothing to do with Corona hygiene / disinfectants, masks and the like.

Finally, some news from the smile corner. In Düsseldorf there are now so-called no-stay bans on park benches or standing around. Walking and running are allowed, as well as jogging, but wearing a mask, please. City director Hintzsche speaks of a serious situation in the city. I think so too, the situation is serious, Corona is now penetrating into areas of the human body that it has never seen or influenced before. You have to take all available means and measures against it.

I liked the barber opening campaign best. Some hairdressers open their shops at 0.01 a.m., it could be that there are too few customers who want their hair cut. And oops, it just so happens that a camera team is ready to interview the first customers. World-changing scenes and dramas take place. Inside and outside. And the show event is also worth broadcasting minutes for the TV station. Germany opens hairdressers and 150 countries around the world are watching. The main thing is that employees are also granted a 100% allowance for night work and that the night opening has been registered with the trade inspectorate. I like to repeat myself: Corona is now penetrating into areas of the human body that it has never seen or influenced before.