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106 million infections worldwide Germany reached 2,291,000 with 61,577 deaths

Infection rates: USA 26.9 million, India 10.8 million, Brazil 9.4 million, Russia 3.9 million EU: France 3.4 million, Spain 2.9 million, Italy 2.6 million England 3.9 million 2.3 million deaths worldwide. Turkey and Colombia over 2 million cases of infection. 21 countries over 1 million

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What's new in vaccination? Much, but not very well. But I would like to start with the mask requirement, as it has also applied in the city center in Göttingen since the lockdown on December 20, 2020, for all streets and all times of the day and night. I don't want to ride around what city center means, that is defined in a general decree of the city of Göttingen, I am interested in the question of why a mask requirement applies in the city center. I was in Minden near Hanover this week. There the incidence is just under 100, but was already well over 200, the highest value in Göttingen was around 109, currently around 69. In Minden there has never been a mask requirement in the city center. Now one wonders why not, if that is so important and the numbers in Minden are even higher. It should be said that I chose Minden purely by chance, both places, Göttingen and Minden, are, so to speak, representative of other cities.

Of course I asked in both cities. The press spokeswoman Minden explains to me that compared to Göttingen, Minden is not an independent city, and the district has just decided that this is not necessary. But there was a curfew from 9 p.m. and many shops in the city center were closed. Therefore, the rush of pedestrians is manageable and spacious. Aha, now Göttingen. Göttingen is not a district and so the mayor can waive this mask requirement without being able to ask anyone. The same shops in Göttingen are also closed, nothing is different. And after 9 p.m. there is nothing going on in Göttingen, Minden or anything on the paths, so it doesn't matter. Minden has fewer inhabitants than Göttingen, but the Minden pedestrian zone is narrower than the one in Göttingen, so it doesn't take anything. The answer from the Göttingen press spokesman is that these rules are certainly different from state to state. That's right, but neither of them answered the key question:

It doesn't matter who makes this decision on whatever level, the question is, why is that? Why is the virus in Minden obviously not as bad as in Göttingen. How do you want to convey to citizens why you have to wear a mask in Göttingen and if you go to Minden, where the incidence is much higher, you can remove the mask? That's the question. And there is only ONE truth: Either wearing a mask in the city center in public outside is superfluous and pure actionism or other cities that do without it play with the health of their citizens. But as you could read here, the question remains open, because nobody what what exactly.

And speaking of masks: A few days ago I talked about the initially strange practice of pharmacies that they suddenly redeemed the authorization voucher for 6 free FFP2 masks, which was actually only valid from February 10, 2021, from the end of January and had expressed the suspicion that this is due to the upcoming changed payment for the pharmacies, which will take effect from 02/10/2021. That's why the vouchers are stamped with a date stamp so that the redemption date can be traced. Today I get another strange message from a pharmacy, apparently every pharmacy does what it wants. It's nice for the customers, but there must be some reason. The offer of a pharmacy in Aachen: Instead of 6, you get 12 FFP2 masks for each authorization voucher, without paying an additional 2 euros, and you can also send the vouchers free of charge in a free envelope. Sensational.

Of course, I also asked the Federal Ministry of Health about the increased reimbursement of masks; Pharmacies are reimbursed 6 euros per mask. The explanation: At the time when the vouchers began in December, the price was so on the market. In addition, the reimbursement not only includes the mask price, but also proportionally the procurement, operating costs and advice. So advice was zero, I put down the vouchers and got 12 masks in bags and goodbye. The 2 euro contribution also remains in the pharmacies.

Another page full and I wanted to come back to the topic of vaccinations, start again with Göttingen. Because as of February 6th, 2021, nothing is still happening, none of the 3 vaccination centers in the city and district of Göttingen is yet in operation, but a lot is still happening in Göttingen. For example in the Göttingen waste disposal companies. After some employees there had a positive test, the company was closed for the time being. And in a Göttingen nursing home for the elderly that was vaccinated a long time ago, 19 positive corona cases have now been detected, including 10 residents and 9 employees. The next sentence is interesting: not all residents and employees have yet received a second vaccination, which only builds up full protection. All employees and residents who would not have had any complaints after the first vaccination would now have been vaccinated twice. This is how the GT reported on February 3rd, 2021. Oh, there were people with complaints; otherwise there is no need to mention it. And in Stendal a police group is said to have been vaccinated, although it was not yet their turn. Whoever decided that, the city admits mistakes, but nobody has reported.

Interesting on the subject of vaccines, where Ms. Merkel said after the vaccination summit that CureVac was also about to be approved and that it had gone together with Bayer for reasons of capacity, it may be correct, just stupid that the first 50 million vaccine doses of the German Pharmaceutical company go to Great Britain, London to be precise, and they have already been paid. What Mr. Spahn did wrong again. There are also some communication problems with the distribution of the AstraZeneca vaccine. NTV Online writes on February 5th, 2021 that Mecklenburg Vorpommern will receive the first vaccine, namely 7200 doses. The next day it says that NRW expects the first vaccine, 74,400 doses. So who is the first beneficiary now? So while Germany is now making an extensive vaccination plan with quarterly figures of the available and promised vaccines, who delivers where to which federal state, the next country has already overtaken Germany. Serbia has just secured extensive supplies of Sputnik and Xi from China and has already vaccinated around half a million citizens. According to information, further vaccines should already be available, around 30,000 vaccinations take place every day. Can it be that Germany is just lagging behind? Sure, we have now vaccinated more than Serbia, but in what time can Germany do it and in what time other countries?

I was just about to discontinue the report when I get a special report. On the subject of vaccination. You know the list of the various vaccination groups, by which I mean who is prioritized for vaccinations, for example, people over 80 years of age and residents of old people's and care centers are the first to have been or are still being vaccinated, followed by those 75 - 79 year olds, people with dementia etc. A clever citizen compared the lists of the STIKO and the Federal Ministry of Health and found something that I found not only strange but also outrageous, which I can now even surpass. In the ordinance on the right to vaccination against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus on the website of the Federal Ministry of Health under the heading "High priority vaccinations" under point 8 (quote): People who are in facilities according to Section 36 (1) no 3 or 4 of the Infection Protection Act are accommodated or active. That also sounds on another website of the Ministry of Health under the topic: "Who will be vaccinated first" then to (quote): People who live or work in refugee and homeless facilities.

At STIKO, this group, which is the same in both cases, can be found in stage 3 of the vaccinations, here the persons affected are then (quote): residents and workers in communal accommodation. I only say: word creative and ambiguous, so that everyone can find themselves here. What I find outrageous, however, is why ALL refugees move here in the second highest group, as the Ministry of Health shows, regardless of age, health, illness, etc. The 20-25 year old unaccompanied young men are also part of the local population. For example, they only appear in the very last group, as do other locals who are disadvantaged, one could also say they are discriminated against. And now the great reason: Because so many infections have occurred in the refugee accommodation in the past, the prioritization was made. I'm really sorry, this is a first class excuse or a lie. How many major infections appeared in meat-producing businesses last year? Is someone being prioritized here, which would then be 10 times more understandable because of the production of food? No. That's really the last thing, I'm neither 70-79 years old, nobody will take a vaccination away from me, nor do I want any. If I were one of the group that will be vaccinated later, even though I have heart disease, diabetes or another high-risk disease, for example, I would go on the barricades. The unrivaled insolence and audacity of the decision-makers in this state, what are they actually imagining?