

## **Lockdown and Knockdown Corona News December 9th, 2020**

**68.7 million infections worldwide Germany reached 1,242,000 with 20,251 deaths**

**TOP 4 world infection rates: USA 15.3 million, India 9.7 million, Brazil 6.7 million, Russia 2.5 million. The 3 largest EU infection countries: France 2.4 million, Spain 1.7 million, Italy 1.8 million. Almost 1,565,000 deaths worldwide. Argentina Colombia England Mexico Poland Iran and Germany over 1 million.**

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### **Germany - Numbers on December 9th, 2020 at midnight**

**Total infections: 1,218,524 / + 20,815 on the previous day, deaths 19,932 / + 590 on the previous day**

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No sooner have we in Bavaria experienced the disaster and with it various restrictions in public life, when other federal states also agree with it. Not the disaster, but Saxony wants to have the complete lockdown again from next Monday. And that is what Mr. Kretschmer, Prime Minister, said: The virus is much stronger and more pronounced than in spring, the infection figures show. All the measures taken so far are insufficient. The situation in hospitals in many places is dangerous. Saxony should come to rest now. Decisive action is necessary. There will be a cabinet proposal by Friday, which will then be approved. Schools, kindergartens, after-school care centers, retail outlets with the exception of systemically important shops are to close, valid until January 10th, 2021. Apart from that, what is happening does not stop at national borders; it is already being discussed in other countries. With an incidence value of 319 in 7 days, this is far too high for the national average. In regions where there is the highest level of rejection of mask wearers, the greatest problem of contagion is. That can not be. Saxony has the most opponents of the measures. So much for the Prime Minister.

The reason why Bavaria and now Saxony are getting off to a flying start is of course due to the high number of infections. As of just at 7:08 p.m. Bavaria has the first district of Regen with 569.7 infections per 100,000 inhabitants, in Saxony it is the district of Saxon Switzerland Eastern Ore Mountains with 526.5 infections / 100,000 inhabitants on average over the last 7 days. The map of Germany is now quite colorful, unfortunately the color green or gray has long since disappeared completely, red and dark red dominate the picture, pink has now been added with over 500 infections / 7 days. And asked in cities in Saxony what citizens think of the drastic restrictions to come, before and until January 2021? Hardly anyone who does not see it, comments like: The numbers have to go down again, or: I don't think it's good, but it can't go on like this, make the rounds. Also the insight that you can still do the errands that have to be done in countries that then close until Monday is included. There is only one person who does not think that is good, he talks about it, he would not like to be dictated from above what to do. Unfortunately, he has lost perspective: Those above do not prescribe it at all, but all those who think they have to violate everything and can ignore everything. Another young man, who is clearly positioning himself, recognizes this: If everyone had adhered to the rules, we would not have the new measures. Correctly and cleverly said. And because the stupid do not die out, a lateral thinker demo was registered for this Saturday in Dresden. But this time the city reacted immediately and refused. I can only hope that this rejection holds by all instances, because some will complain against it. And that would be really absurd, given the situation, to give a permit.

Other federal states have also joined the discussion about tightening up before Christmas. Of course, there is no agreement, Lower Saxony's Weil does not want to change anything, we are waiting for higher numbers first. In contrast, the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina has clearly

recommended that the hard cuts of the lockdown from December 24th. - 10.01.2021 to be introduced nationwide. In this academy not only virologists, but also scientists and medical professionals are active. Corona was of course also a point of discussion in the Bundestag these days. Scholz had to declare himself again for his new debt and forgot to wear a mask. So what ? And Carsten Linnemann CDU and well-known speaker for the economy (who is surprised, he is on the Committee for Economy and Energy), talks about the economy must be further relieved. Eat clearly, they only got the most money gifts. Undeterred, he explains how you can give away and pocket more tax money: The losses this year and possibly next year, if Corona continues, should be offset against profits from recent years, but not only against last year, but also at the same time the last 5 years. Eat a really great idea. This means that a commercial enterprise that was already in a bad mood before Corona and incurred more losses due to Corona can offset the entire losses, because who wants to calculate how, which proportion are normal losses and which are caused by Corona? Nobody can or wants that. The sole purpose of this scam is to rehabilitate commercial enterprises at the expense of taxpayers. And that's his idea. Incidentally, these kinds of ideas are typical at Linnemann, I have reported several times. But when an SPD MP asked what he would do for the steel industry, the answer came: We will do everything to support the steel industry. Will do anything? He probably hadn't thought of it, stupid that the SPD also asked about it. Regarding AFD, I can only say that MP Holm depicts the corona story in a very black and white way: He speaks of a new wave of bankruptcies in further lockdowns, of new 100,000 unemployed up to the million. He should actually know better: All the institutes are talking about the fact that the economy has gotten through the Corona times much better than ever before, also because of the large amount of help. Hardly any more bankruptcies, unemployment was largely absorbed by short-time work benefits, online companies that also work offline were able to partially absorb losses, etc. And as we all know: the help for business, self-employed, restaurateurs, etc. continues, nothing for employees.

There is also daily news on vaccination. In Great Britain, vaccination has started in small groups, the first thing that was vaccinated was a 90-year-old woman; 400,000 doses are said to be currently available and administered in around 50 hospitals. On the other hand, Chancellor Braun expects the start in Germany at the beginning of 2021. The EU wants to get approval by the end of the year. The second major manufacturing company Moderna is to follow approx. 2 weeks later. For this, the antibody of the Moderna vaccine should last longer, which means that the possible immunity against corona lasts longer. Even if the period of 3 months that is shown is very short. Because if the "best vaccine" only lasted 6 months, that would be a surrender to the pandemic, which could NEVER be eradicated. And of course there are no long-term studies on effectiveness and side effects either, as there is still a lot to come. In the meantime, Russia has started administering "Sputnik V" in around 70 vaccination centers, despite the lack of a third study. As in other countries, special groups are vaccinated first, a second vaccination is necessary after approx. 21 days. In Russia, too, vaccination is currently voluntary and free. In Germany, the construction work and structuring of the vaccination centers are continuing: In Lower Saxony there should be around 50, by December 15 they should be ready to go. Exhibition halls, rifle houses, school gyms or town halls are currently used as vaccination centers. A station will also be set up in the sports hall of the vocational schools II in Göttingen. There is already an incomplete list of the centers in the network, but some districts are still waiting for the location to be announced until the ministry has approved it. And in Berlin, supermarket employees are also included in the first wave of vaccinations because they work in systemically relevant professions. There is no mention of this in any of the other federal states.

Meanwhile, Spahn worries in several ways: On the one hand, he sees his target vaccination quota floating away, because he wanted at least 40 - 60% of the population to be vaccinated so that a herd of immunity could be triggered, but more and more citizens want to at least wait and not immediately vaccinate; as a concern about possible long-term side effects and whether the protection lasts at all.

Justified concerns, I reported a few days ago. Spahn's emergency schedule doesn't help either, hiring as many health professionals as possible for his vaccination purpose. You don't create trust through smart speeches like politicians like to do, but rather through the presentation of facts that nobody can currently offer because there are none. And the fact that RKI President Wieler would immediately get vaccinated is as valuable as a statement about safety as it was at Fukushima when a leading Chinese party member drank a glass of water in the contaminated zone as a demonstration that the water was "clean". I have no information on whether this man is still alive today. But we also know from the history of Chernobyl that even members of the government lie to the population, so please.

And meanwhile statements from leading virologists are available that the vaccine would probably last for "a few months" as protection, but it could be that you need a new vaccination every year, as with the flu. About which he says nothing, that in a year, when the first would have to be vaccinated again, not even all of them would be vaccinated once because the amount is not enough. So how is that supposed to work? Not at all. Which vaccine you get administered when your turn comes at some point is determined by a regulation by the Stiko (Standing Vaccination Commission), which is probably based on age, occupation, illnesses, etc., but also due to the narrow allocations according to the availability of the vaccine.

But let's come back briefly to the second point that gives Spahn a headache: The introduction of infections from abroad. What Chancellor Kurz recently denounced in Austria when he spoke of the import of infections by people returning from traveling with a migrant background, Spahn lets hear a little more skillfully, but he goes in the same direction. In his opinion, it would be clear that in today's border traffic, North Rhine-Westphalia, Saxony and Bavaria, of course, additional carriers of infection are brought in due to the higher numbers of infections in neighboring countries. That is why he considers at least a random check at the borders with foreign countries to be useful in order to avoid unnecessary border crossings. He knows how he wants to do this, i.e. how he interprets the word unnecessarily, and why there are sometimes borders within the EU and sometimes not and why these were not checked at all long after the significant increase in the numbers within the EU. Not. The main thing is that the digitization for recording was modernized back then so that nothing more can be done with it. Very useful.

And one more piece of information for all citizens: The VAT reduction of 3%, which is still valid until December 31, 2020, will not be extended; good, hadn't really brought anything in many areas. And that the state expects almost 1 billion euros in additional tax costs in view of the many home office jobs - I'll cry with Mr Scholz right away. This is exactly what the government has always wanted so that workers stay at home. But with 200 billion euros in tax money for the economy, everything is ok or what?

In the end, almost always something curious but true: An interview by Ms. Merkel with the first Turkish radio station called Radyo Metropol FM, which lasted almost 20 minutes and during which Ms. Merkel was asked questions by Turkish influencers, was among other things : Whether it is not possible to install air filters in the classrooms, the students would freeze from the constant draft and come to school with blankets and the students would have no solution for the upcoming colder months. The meaningfulness of the question remains to be seen, but also Ms. Merkel's answer: You may have to bring something warmer to wear, maybe you do a little squat or something or clap your hands to get a little warm. Well, please, someone should say that politics doesn't have a solution for all problems. Clap again.

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