

## Corona News 02/11/2021 Corona summit and Co.

**107 million infections worldwide Germany reached 2,311,000 with 63,224 deaths**

**Infection rates: USA 27 million, India 10.9 million, Brazil 9.7 million, Russia 4 million EU: France 3.4 million, Spain 3 million, Italy 2.7 million England 4 million 2.3 million deaths worldwide. Turkey Colombia Argentina over 2 million cases of infection. 21 countries over 1 million**

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A few hours ago the so-called corona summit, the meeting of the prime ministers and the chancellor, ended, how things will continue in these corona times, read now. First of all, it should be said that Ms. Merkel was visibly struck by the fact that this time she was unable to assert herself with her demands, which she emphasized at the beginning and praised federalism. It also affected Mr Söder, who was visibly affected, which later brought him a question from a journalist about his "bad weather face". So now to the results, which I think are more opaque than ever before. There are almost no uniform regulations any more.

Because of the advanced time, I will only focus on the facts. The resolutions regarding home office, contact restrictions, special mask requirements and travel restrictions remain in effect until March 7, 2021. Openings in the care and education area can now be decided on a state basis and individually from state to state depending on the situation and implemented as early as next week. Hairdressers may reopen from March 1, 2021, subject to hygiene, number of people and reservation. If a 7-day incidence of no more than 35 infections / 100,000 inhabitants is reached regionally, the retail trade may reopen if an additional 20 m<sup>2</sup> per customer is observed.

This also applies to museums, galleries and body-hugging service providers. In matters of culture, sport, leisure, gastronomy and hotels, a working group at the level of the head of the Federal Chancellery and the state and senate chancelleries is developing a safe and fair opening strategy. When this should take effect was not specified. Likewise, not how the whole thing should work sensibly with retail at the country level. Lt. Ms. Merkel and Mr. Müller should agree on neighboring countries if one intends to open the retail trade in order to avoid shopping. Comment: It looks like this: Kassel has an incidence of 90, Göttingen of 30. Göttingen wants to open and is discussing with Hessen. Hesse is actually not allowed to open because the city is even over 50. How does it all work out then: Göttingen has to allow because the surrounding areas cannot open and otherwise there is a risk that the Kassellans come to Göttingen to shop, or should Kassel simply open so that it doesn't happen. In my opinion, big cheese, the one in the hands of every federal state in terms of openings, soon will be open here and there and not elsewhere, and the cry for the great injustice will grow even bigger.

The next nonsense: countries and counties that do not make the 50 / 100,000 threshold can react locally and regionally. Don't we already know that? Closure of meat industries, refugee shelters, etc. What did that bring back then? Nothing, because new herds have always emerged as people have wandered around. But you can try again if you have no other ideas. As of today, entrepreneurs can apply for Bridging Aid III. Note: Application yes, just today some companies said that at the beginning of February only the aid from the first package for November 2020 has been paid out.

The SORMAS program was further developed to digitize the health authorities, which allegedly offers better management of contact persons and tracking of corona infections. Countries will ensure that all health authorities use this software and DEMIS. Note: Here, too, there have been a few interviews with heads of health authorities in the past few days who have clearly stated: The current software can handle all upcoming tasks very well, there is no need for change and there will not be. Frau Schwesig also played this horn quite clearly; Minister President Mecklenburg Western Pomerania, who spoke

out clearly in favor of keeping the current software, as SORMAS supposedly does not offer any added value, so your statement to Anne Will. Well what now? March 3, 2021 was agreed as the new date.

Now a few more general information about Corona. For example from Göttingen again, yes, there is also a lot going on in a province like Göttingen. Chaos sends its regards. In addition to numerous postponements of vaccinations, fixed dates, which then do not keep, now tomorrow finally the start in ONE vaccination center. WOW. Hopefully. Perhaps. Because it is still not clear how the elderly citizens, almost all of whom do not drive their own cars, should get there.

A shuttle service should actually run. Actually. But as we know, the north, including Göttingen, has been covered by a snow front since last Saturday and a considerable amount of snow had accumulated over Sunday, including on the streets. Excuse me, because until today, 5 days after the big snowfall, there is no public transport in Göttingen. Somehow the bus stops are not cleared, and some of the streets are not cleared either. And every day an extension of the operation of the buses on the website of the GöVB in Göttingen. Then yesterday my 3 inquiries to various companies, starting with the GöVB. According to their statement, the buses cannot run because both the entry bays at the stops and the access routes to the bus have not been cleared. People getting in or out would have to climb over the piled snow, walkers or prams could not be transported at all. I understand. Why is it ? Allegedly, sick leave such as corona infections with quarantine at the Göttingen winter service are the problem. Statement: They cannot drive the clearing vehicles because the personnel are insufficient.

Okay, call the city of Göttingen. Here one is rather indignant about the statement. Yes, there is a certain amount of sick leave with Corona, but the clearance and winter services are not affected. Oh no, why is it not evacuated even after 5 days? My third call is to the Pro City Göttingen company. In its own words, the company sees itself as a lobby group and city management company for downtown Göttingen. Sounds nice, but when I asked why there is actually no pressure being built up here so that buses can run again, the answer is succinct for me: Of course, you take care of it, you are in contact with the city and how I knew that nothing was done will.

My answer to that: Because nothing happens. I have already noticed Pro City in the past because of the criticism in the city center with regard to vacancies, lack of attractiveness and opening times. When I pointed out to Pro City at the time why that was the case, that natural things on the Internet such as better prices, generous return options and better selection, etc., are just not offered stationary, and why the city center is more and more covered in kebab shops, casinos and mobile phone shops instead of doing meaningful business (many items are simply no longer available in Göttingen), there was no answer to the inquiry, today they rejected it, they would answer all inquiries. Only one thing is clear: there are no buses, even fewer people go shopping in the city center, and the requirement to wear a mask in public in the city center is also a shopping spoiler.

I consciously said nothing about the subject of vaccinations today, I covered that in detail in my last reports, just this much: The first EU countries now want to introduce electronically readable documentation about the vaccinations via a forgery-proof chip card instead of the EU vaccination passport Carrying out the vaccination in these countries should give more rights and advantages. Meanwhile, AstraZeneca's South Africa plans to use the vaccine only to a very limited extent, because a study shows little effect, especially with the South Africa mutation. The pharmaceutical company has already reacted to this regulation and announced an improved vaccine against this variant for the autumn. And despite the double vaccination, several residents in a retirement and nursing home near Osnabrück were infected with corona. It is said to be a variant of the basic virus.

So that the openings of retail stores that are currently still affected by the Corona Lockdown can go through the stage quickly, Ceconomy, the umbrella organization Media Markt and Saturn, has come up with something really great: Mr. Düttmann envisions equalizing customers, by releasing the shopping times for certain age groups. Working people should be in the mornings and evenings, and risk groups between the ages of 60 and 65 during the day, XING reported online yesterday. The employees in the shops, but also the police on the streets, should be in control of this. Well, Mr. Düttmann has not thought through to the end: Point 1: The police are not responsible for admission controls at retail stores. Point 2: Employees, detectives or security guards are not entitled to request proof of age at the entrance. Apart from that: does he want to put up a list at the entrance of who can shop and when? Hopefully he won't forget anyone, otherwise customers will end up feeling discriminated against. And what does he do with those who just come? Send home? I hardly think so. Then he can leave the shops the same, with such a regulation the customers will go on the palm and the customer loss is greater than the customer gain.

Finally, a note about the FFP2 masks. Somebody probably did a quick fix again with the regulations for wearing these masks, which are so important, and everyone else just ran along even though they had no idea. Because suddenly the EU health authority ECDC is questioning the wearing of FFP2 masks in everyday life. Quote: The expected added value of the universal use of FFP2 respirators in the community is very low. (Quote end). The EU Health Commissioner Kyriakides also confirmed this assessment. Well, where does the Chancellor's security come from, how great is it all?