

Corona News 12/13/2020 Lockdown comes Wednesday

71.8 million infections worldwide Germany reached 1,336,000 with 20,251 deaths

TOP 4 world infection rates: USA 16 million, India 9.8 million, Brazil 6.9 million, Russia 2.6 million. The 3 largest EU infection countries: France 2.4 million, Spain 1.7 million, Italy 1.8 million. Almost 1,606,000 deaths worldwide. Argentina Colombia England Mexico Poland Iran and Germany over 1 million.

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Germany - Numbers on December 13, 2020 at midnight

Total infections: 1,320,716 / + 20,200 on the previous day, deaths 21,787 / + 321 on the previous day

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Everyone is waiting for the TOP news, which will be announced today. Everyone is waiting for the results of the virtual conference between the Prime Minister and Ms. Merkel on new measures in these difficult times of the Corona. At 11.12 a.m. the time had come: Ms. Merkel, Prime Ministers Söder and Müller, and Finance Minister Scholz appeared in front of the journalists. The following rules have been announced:

At the beginning Ms. Merkel emphasized the need to be able to trace contacts again, which is why politicians were forced to act. Therefore, the measures will only apply until January 10, 2021, if by then an infection rate of 50 / 100,000 inhabitants with a 7-day average is reached again. During this period there is also a maximum of 5 people from 2 households, with the exception of December 24th. - 26.12, where another 4 people from the closest family circle can join. From Wednesday, December 16 - January 10, 2021, all retail stores that are not systemically important will be closed. This also includes the hairdressing business. There is a ban on selling pyrotechnics before New Year's Eve. Shops and physical care businesses will also close, and all schools will close. It is advised to take company holidays or offer home office where possible.

It should continue to be possible to take food with you, but it should no longer be possible to consume it on site or in aggregates before the food is served. Church services only take place under strict conditions. In old people's and nursing homes, there will be mandatory testing several times a week.

Prime Minister Müller adds why the measures do not take effect on Monday: Schools, daycare centers, families and dealers must have a 1-2 day chance to prepare for the closings, so there is no immediate lockdown from Monday.

Prime Minister Söder adds: Corona does not adhere to deadlines, to ministerial conferences, Corona does not adhere to opening times. He will implement the measures to the maximum in Bavaria. Mulled wine to go, mulled wine hopping will not exist. A service will only be possible with a mask, with registration and without singing. It's going to be a silent New Year's Eve. But these rules are now clear for everyone and everyone can participate. In Bavaria there are almost 100 vaccination centers, almost 2,000 doctors, then it must be clear who is allowed to be vaccinated at the beginning, as fewer vaccines will be available. As far as possible everyone should participate in the vaccination.

Finance Minister Scholz added: Comprehensive economic and bridging aid are being considered, e.g. B. Ability to write off goods that could not be sold. There will be up to 500,000 euros per company per month if it is affected by the closure. If sales are lost by at least 40%, the company can take advantage of bridging assistance. From 16.12. proposed lockdown costs around 11 billion euros / month. In the 2021 budget, 39.5 billion euros in economic aid and 35 billion euros in corona aid are planned.

Small dispute between Merkel and Söder on request. When asked by a journalist that there are people who cannot organize childcare for their children so quickly, Söder: 3 days, only 3 days, that cannot be the problem in Germany to organize it. Ms. Merkel answers: There are countries that don't have vacation until January 10, 2021, there are more days. Söder: But it's not 5 weeks like we've had before. If necessary, someone would have to stay at home for a short time. Otherwise you can take paid leave, employers should show goodwill here.

Ms. Merkel does not see any complaints against the rules and emphasizes that complaints were more likely to be pending than not all companies were involved in the openings. Mr. Müller added that the legal basis was better due to the new Infection Protection Act, Söder added only 2-3% of complaints were lost, the majority of the complaints were dismissed. Finally, Ms. Merkel mentions that the FFP2 masks will now be issued with 3 pieces per authorized person, the rest will be in January. The press conference ends around 12.10 p.m.

General Corona news in a second report this evening. And you know: all previous information is available at: www.corona-info.co. Stay healthy and join in.

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