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72.1 million infections worldwide Germany reached 1,338,000 with 21,935 deaths

TOP 4 world infection rates: USA 16.2 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 1,611,000 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

The 7-day incidence factor for Germany as a whole is currently 169.1.

The currently 4 highest super hotspots are:

District of Görlitz	510.4	District of Bautzen	574.1
District of Erzgebirgskreis	505.8	District of Regen	604.6

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Many medical professionals and medical associations agree: What was the talk of the politicians in the summer: We have everything under control, we never need a complete lockdown, not even in individual cities, we now know more, can follow up, we take targeted action one in the factories or where infections take place blah blah blah. And now ? Everything failed, a lot of talk about nothing, after 9 months there was still no continuous digitization in all health authorities, the app is no good either despite various updates. How does it say Uwe Janssens, President of the German Interdisciplinary Association for Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine e.V. in the Anne Will program on December 13, 2020: With 18 employees, the app flashes red and we had to take measures to stop it. That says it all. And now suddenly Laschet is talking about the fact that the app cannot be expanded to include some kind of GPS and tracking. You need a second app, but then you need a company with which you can implement it. But he was not an expert, not a nerd, as he put it. Then why is he talking so smartly about the app? He was told everything beforehand what to say.

The lockdown has been decided and now only has to be whipped through the state parliaments, then it starts, or almost everything stops. What Prof. Lauterbach demanded two weeks ago and for which he had to take scolding from many quarters has suddenly become reality: business closings, ban on New Year's Eve celebrations, ban on fireworks sale, school closings. Spahn, on the other hand, as health minister, only pointed out on December 7th, if the numbers do not fall by Christmas, to discuss after Christmas again striving for a harder lockdown. Very far-sighted. Purchasing is only possible in systemically relevant stores. And that is now of great concern to the relevant retailers. Already last Saturday you could feel a significant increase in customers, so that some shops could not let all customers into the shops at times, quite apart from the rules of distance, which almost no one adheres to in these times anyway. For one thing, many shops are closed, so shopping is concentrated in the remaining shops. Now there are practically only 2 days left to have a free choice of Christmas gifts, apart from online trading. Then there is the situation on Christmas Eve, which is only open until 2 p.m. this is followed by 3 days of complete closure of all shops; Here too, a corresponding rush is expected, in other words, the patience of the customers is required.

Apart from all prophecies of doom in matters of retail, such as pending bankruptcies, bankruptcies, layoffs, the whole truth is that, according to the Federal Statistical Office, the stationary retail trade increased sales by 2.6% in September 2020, compared to the same month last year, by over 8%. We know that there are winners and losers, they have always been. Some industries generate more sales, up to 30% on the previous year, while others are negative. Online trading is and will remain the clear winner.

There is also interesting news on the subject of vaccines. The head of the permanent vaccination commission Mertens sees no simultaneous approval of 2 or possibly more vaccines of different types, as Spahn has always advocated. His words were that there were now up to 3 different promising vaccines and that he had already ordered. And on December 10th said Spahn: The vaccine will now be delivered shortly. Oh no, not at all, because: As Ms. Merkel said in the press conference this Sunday: EU approval should be on December 29th. give, maybe a little faster, but we don't lose any time due to the somewhat longer test, accuracy and thoroughness are more important than speed, so to speak.

Mertens adds that there is currently no further application for approval of a second vaccine. Aha, but where did Spahn order from Biontech? How does he get the supposedly 100 million cans that have not yet been distributed, let alone are available? And on the subject of herd immunity, there is now a damper that can be read in the science magazine Science, but that has been little published: The assumption that herd immunity is achieved through many infections and healing afterwards was based on the example of a city in Brazil, Manaus, refuted. The city in northwestern Brazil with currently around 2 million inhabitants already had an infection rate of around 75%. Nevertheless, the expected immunity was not achieved even after more than half a year, as could be seen from the control of the antibody tests on blood donations. So in the end a wishful thinking from the virologists and a passing on by Spahn and Co., but what everyone already knows that it doesn't work?

In the meantime, the generous support from companies continues. As I already reported in the report on the press conference on December 13, 2020, Scholz has announced further measures. The 2021 budget was provided with more than 70 billion euros in aid, expansion not ruled out, let's think of the 2020 supplementary budgets. But that does not prevent the Federal Government from giving additional individual companies additional support. TUI alone is now to receive another 1.8 billion euros, although the group had only received the same amount in the spring, plus 1.2 billion euros as a credit line and bond in September. Lufthansa had already been given ample consideration back then, but they now want to cut up to 50,000 jobs.

So while companies continue to receive lavish consideration, the situation is different with employees. The DGB has now recognized this. Short-time work allowance or not, it is about the subsequent taxation in 2021, which will affect millions of short-time work allowance recipients. And now, thanks to the new lockdown, there are many more. The DGB rightly explains it this way: First accept considerable loss of income with the short-time work allowance, then also struggle with back tax payments. I've already reported on this a dozen times. What is unthinkable in commercial enterprises is completely normal for employees; State cash in through the back door. And everyone participates.

Some citizens still do not participate in these times of Corona, where everyone should have understood that the fun is long over. But never for some. This is proven even at this time by reports of the dissolution of a karaoke party of 41 people in Berlin; An arrest warrant is said to have already been issued against 4. And then they were also cowardly, wanted to flee over the roofs. Nobody wore a mask. In a Munich hotel, 21 people celebrated a party in a room (how does that work?), Nobody in charge in the hotel should have noticed anything. Every day I get reports of illegal meetings, events and celebrations being broken up. And why aren't they taking off? Because the police, on the other hand, do nothing relevant, except to dissolve them and to write a complaint here and there. Instead of taking full force, distributing a hefty four-digit fine to every person, complaint and sometimes the harshness of the law. No wonder, given that laxity there will still be illegal meetings when we have 100,000 infected people and 2,000 deaths per day.