

## **Corona News March 16, 2021 vaccination chaos and otherwise**

**120 million infections worldwide Germany reached 2,593,000 with 73,749 deaths**

**Infection rates: USA 30 million, India 11.4 million, Brazil 11.5 million, Russia 4.4 million EU: France 4.1 million, Spain 3.2 million, Italy 3.3 million England 4.3 million 2.7 million deaths worldwide. Turkey Argentina Colombia Mexico over 2 million 22 countries over 1 million.**

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**Germany - numbers on March 16, 2021 3.42 a.m. 7 days incidence for Germany 83.7**

**Total infections: 2,581,329 / + 5,480 on the previous day, deaths 73,656 / + 238 on the previous day**

**High-risk counties: Cham 200.0**

**Hof 292.4 Kulmbach 273.9**

**Wunsiedel i. Fichtel Mountains 224.3 Vogtland District 307.1**

**Greiz 490.8 Saale-Orla district 249.0**

**Wartburg district 271.5 Schmalkalden-Meiningen 301.8**

**Schwäbisch Hall 209.9 Rosenheim 204.6**

**Kronach 208.3 Schwandorf 208.3**

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You have already heard and read it: Now that more and more EU countries have taken AstraZeneca off the vaccine list because of possible side effects, Germany too yesterday made a first decision about the Paul Ehrlich Institute. Funny, shortly beforehand the president of the institute had spoken quite differently, I had already questioned his statements at the time. In any case, there is now a lot of excitement, stupid questions from journalists how things would go on with those who already had a vaccination from AstraZeneca. Yes how well? At 12 weeks waiting time after vaccination. That means that the second vaccination is not due until the end of April, has AstraZeneca been vaccinated again anyway, or does anyone seriously believe that this week will pass without the vaccine being approved / recommended again? No of course not.

The only consideration is how to package it for the citizens, who of course are now unsure: who still wants the vaccine? And since everyone is waiting for the decision, tomorrow's vaccination summit is canceled and postponed to Friday, what Lindner thinks is wrong again, he can only moan: What should a vaccination summit tomorrow do if nothing is decided? But what I find interesting in this context is a report from March 15 on NTV - Online, in which the press spokesman for the DRK Saxony, Dr. Kranich, speaks of a lack of Biontech vaccines. This should not be available for the first time this entire week, and therefore (ATTENTION) AstraZeneca should be offered as an alternative, especially to those who have their second appointment this week. That has probably now burst.

The question remains: From his point of view, how should things go on now when the situation is obviously so dramatic? Sometimes vaccination is important, sometimes not like that, sometimes more. Who is going to get through there? First it is announced that the general practitioners will be involved in vaccinations at the end of March, but not until the beginning of April. Now the date is obviously mid-April. And Johnson & Johnson. Is now approved, but: The EU has ordered 200 million cans, almost 37 million of which should be for Germany if they ever come.

Because production in the Netherlands is bottled in the USA, and they have so far been subject to an export ban. So how should or how does the EU get hold of the cans? Allegedly, the vaccine should only be needed once per person and show 85% effectiveness, and that without any serious side effects.

Meanwhile, the island of Mallorca is enjoying exploding bookings, everything is beautifully and hypocritically prepared to offer a unique experience over Easter. Additional flights are offered in order to be able to bring all vacationers to the island. Makes sense too. Because the special post-Easter experience only comes back home; As an expert explains today: Vacationers from low-incidence countries meet citizens from high-incidence areas, the best time to get infected and bring this infection with you. But who cares, the main thing is that you have been on vacation for 5 days.

Then I have to report an experience from Göttingen. Since yesterday, the testing, the so-called Schnellbürgertest, has been available, 34 doctor's offices and currently a central test center distribute what they have. At least at the test center you could get one or more appointments online since Saturday, 99% of the times were free. That's why I got myself 3 appointments, one a week, by the end of the month. Yesterday was now the first. And the info upon request: Due to the great demand since the weekend, all appointments for this week have been taken. After all, one person is admitted to the test every 5 minutes. What irritated me a little is the communication of the result. I got this later to my email home, because it would take an average of 20 minutes to get the result on site. But it also means that the infected can continue to walk around the city until the evening when reading the email, under certain circumstances, the rude awakening comes.

Anyway, today testing is suddenly an important component in coping with the pandemic, just a few months ago it was completely different. Said Mr. Spahn. Do not you believe ? But yes: In mid-June 2020, Mr. Spahn is talking about the fact that you now have to be careful not to have too many false positives from testing too extensively. The tests are not 100% accurate and have an error rate. His logic: If the infection numbers go down and you expand the testing to millions at the same time, you end up with more false positives than real positives. How quickly logic and truths can change, because the error rate in the quick tests is still there.

Barely open, shops have to close here and there - in theory. Because although the incidence figures, to which all regulations have been linked since the last MPK, neither responsible politicians nor business owners are actually in the mood to implement this, although they have decided or supported it. Justification of the retail trade: You are as good as not involved in the spread of the pandemic because of the opening. You would have such great concepts. I already reported about the great concepts, and that the retail trade is not involved in the spread, with this statement citizens should be reassured, after all, you want to have the paying customers. But what is knowingly suppressed in the statement: The customer must first come to the shop.

Many use public transport, the buses and trams are getting a lot fuller, the whole thing mixes with the schoolchildren and the first infections are inevitable. Of course, the shopping streets are also full and narrower, and current images in the shops show how disciplined customers are, even on an escalator: namely, not at all. They stand close together, as if the escalator is about to be switched off. I mean, how stupid do you have to be: The incidence figures are rising nationwide, the infections are faster, easier and more dangerous because of the mutations, the vaccination doses are falling and for this reason you want to open more and more? I think we first need an incidence of 200 in the national average, 20,000 infected people and 1,000 deaths a day so that some can think clearly again. And the chances for these numbers are good until Easter, for the latter rather bad.

I've always said so and have come across criticism here and there. The subject of short-time work benefits. How often have I pointed out in my reports that with all the billions it threw out for all sorts of aid, the federal government has already calculated how much coal will flow back to the state from the short-time workers in 2020 in 2021. And that's exactly how it is: The first ploy by the federal government was not to make the short-time work allowance tax-free in 2020 for "reasons of justice". The income will amount to around 1.6 billion euros, at least that is the answer of the federal government to a request from the party Die Linke. Well, congratulations; In return for the fact that around 3 million employees have to accept drastic restrictions for months due to reduced salaries this year the repayments had to be made, which will cause problems for some, because 4-digit tax sums are threatened with longer payments.

Perhaps one or the other noticed. We now know that we will wear the masks for a long time, many have already switched to the FFP2 masks, not least because of this, the prices for the so-called surgical masks have fallen significantly. What is still sold in local shops or in pharmacies with inflated prices of 1 euro / piece or 25 euro for 50 pieces is available on the Internet for 10 euro / 50 masks and below. But be careful: In some cases, an attempt is made to get rid of old stocks from the previous year. These have no CE mark at all, so they were made in the gray zone times when the masks were first carted into the country and could be re-certified. In the meantime, masks from May 2020 are being offered for a mere 6.90 euros / 50 pieces, and this is exactly what an offer I tested was about such masks. So pay close attention to whether a CE mark can be read with the offer and simply check it on the Internet to see whether it really exists. In the offer that we have received, there is neither a CE mark, nor a Chinese, American or other mark to be read, just an item no. But not only the masks, which can be obtained cheaply on the Internet, can be without any special protective function. The latest example from the Federal Ministry of Health shows that nobody is immune to fraud. Based on information, DEKRA, one of the German certification bodies for FFP2 masks, had checked 27 of these masks. Almost 50% of these masks are not as unusual as necessary. The bad thing about it: Around 8.5 million masks were given out by the ministry to certain points for protection, with false protection information, so to speak. Well, congratulations, then nobody needs to wonder why the incidence numbers keep rising.

How could that happen ? Commissions, institutes, scientists, experts, I don't know who was involved in the vaccination plans and their preparation and who helped determine who, when and why in which group is to receive a vaccination, and now this: In the excitement you have one Group completely forgotten. Old people, sick people, people with certain professions, even refugees, who have no legitimacy at all to get into a front group, has been thought of, but the election workers, who are closed in many places this year thousands and tens of thousands are used, don't they also have a privilege because of the increased risk? Of course, says the Federal Returning Officer now and after a good 3 months he is awake. Now calls protection a "great importance". But then again not that important, because these people have just made it in group 3, but we will see how many elections have been completed by then. It will be enough for the general election.

As regular readers know, I always have something funny or curious that is true, but sounds rather untrue or strange. Today from the area of online sales of self-tests in matters of Corona. Now that there was an extremely fast sell-out at two discounters online and in the shops, other shops offline and online have joined in to participate in these earning opportunities. Various providers of these tests can also be found on the real.- website. I particularly notice a provider where the customer needs intelligence, good accounting skills and, above all, speed. Because only those who have a quick hand when buying a click will get the best bargains. This provider has a single test, a 3-pack and a 10-pack on offer. Regarding the prices: At the beginning of my call online, the single pack cost 6.90 euros + 4.49 euros shipping; 10 minutes later, shipping costs only 2 euros and only 1 minute later, shipping costs 4.49 euros again.

The same with the 3-pack: it fluctuates between 3 euros and 4.49 euros shipping back and forth, after 20 minutes I stopped following the goings-on, I liked the 10 pack best. This was not only variable in terms of shipping, but also in terms of the product price, so it's detailed: At 2:03 p.m. the 10-pack costs 79.99 euros free shipping, 2 minutes later only 64.99 euros but 3.95 euros shipping. At 2:12 p.m., free shipping again but 79.99 euros. At 2:14 p.m., the provider has probably changed his mind: 3.95 euros shipping, but 64.99 euros retail price. If you now get the idea to buy more packs to save shipping, unfortunately you are unlucky. For example, if you buy 3 packs, you will have to pay just under 13 euros, depending on the individual shipping costs. If you traveled the world to buy 10 packs, then the hammer strikes: A whopping 61.49 euros was shipping for my test purchase. And mind you, I did not make 10 individual orders in a row that the system does not put together, but an order with a quantity of 10. A bit too expensive for a goods value of 380 euros. I always say, have fun shopping online.