

Corona News 04/16/2021 Emergency brake is slowed down

Announced by Ms. Merkel, the emergency brake for all federal states, which should apply from an incidence of 100. Who knows if it will ever come. First no majority in the Bundestag, now the law is to be passed in the Bundestag with a simple majority next Wednesday, but even if it should overcome the hurdles of the Bundestag, not just at least one party, the FDP named Lindner, have already publicly taken the step to the Federal Constitutional Court announced to review legality if no changes are made. He is not alone with this idea, various companies have already agreed to also take action before the Federal Constitutional Court if the law is passed as previously known.

But what does the FDP or Mr Lindner find so controversial about the bill? If I listen to him at Maybrit Illner, I can no longer be sure that the FDP is interested in any improvement in the pandemic. He prefers to talk about a 6-point plan that he wrote down and made available to the governing parties. But let's take a closer look at statements from Mr. Lindner; Mr. Lindner has to do it because he is one of those who is always dissatisfied with the existing steps and is responsible for the fact that things are not progressing quickly. What I liked best was an argument that it is unacceptable if the fundamental rights of only one person are affected. If we start like this, then we can abolish the courts - we are all constantly being restricted in some way with a fundamental right. I don't want to start listing them now, just think about it for a moment and you will come up with enough examples.

Linder explains seriously to Maybrit Illner that the curfew would mean that people would go to the retail trade in a concentrated manner, as it would have been in France. I beg your pardon ? What are their opening times? Apart from that, our retail trade is closed at 8 p.m. and not open at 5 a.m., what kind of density is there? Another argument from him: Elderly can't go for a walk because it's light outside for longer. Mr. Lindner babbles about things that he demonstrably has no idea about, but has to get involved everywhere. Just to clarify, Mr. Lindner: Today the sun rises at 6:22 a.m. and sets at 8:17 p.m. So what does that have to do with the walk, or do your pensioners go for a walk outside from 10 p.m.? Nobody has to. In general, all the excitement about the curfew is just ridiculous and artificially exaggerated, nothing more. Who has to be on the road between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. why? The shops are closed, no cinema, theater, sporting event, etc. What is all this paper mache doing?

In a similar uninformed horn, Dr. Bernd Althusmann, Lower Saxony Minister for Economy, Labor, Transport and Digitization. The incidence says nothing for him. B. look at the availability of intensive care beds. Oh, he wants to say, as long as some are free, they can easily get sick more, that the numbers have an approx. 4 week lag before they decrease again after a measure, he doesn't know. Also not because all intensive care beds are not the same as corona beds and around 10% have to be kept free due to acute admissions such as heart attacks, accidents and the like. Doesn't interest him any further. And as an intensive politician, he does not know that not all beds on paper can be operated for personnel reasons that are already working on the edge again. He much prefers to talk about the fact that the incidence number must take into account that with an incidence of 100 between 10 - 30% of positive tests are added, i.e. the incidence value would actually be lower. Huh? What kind of arithmetic is that? The infected really do exist, regardless of how they were discovered. Whether 20 people report to the health department because of symptoms of illness and are then registered as positive or who are found during testing, nevertheless the same, possibly intensive measures must be taken. What is he talking about?

In practice, again heard from Markus Lanz today, the culprits are mainly sought in the population who do not adhere to corona containment measures, e.g. B. at demonstrations and private meetings. That is certainly correct on one side. The other is, when urgent measures against high numbers of illnesses are required, some politicians with all kinds of delay tactics ensure that important measures are seriously delayed or possibly not even initiated because they are debated and discussed for days "for legal reasons" and must be voted on. Both groups are unsustainable in this dramatic situation. And so that the decision-making processes become even longer, a pandemic / corona / other council should now be installed, which again includes a thrown together group of experts who are still divided for a longer period of time and can no longer achieve anything. Even in this serious situation, you can rely on long-established proverbs that are still valid: Many cooks spoil the broth.

Then there is news from the LUCA app. I was wondering where the alleged Luca key rings come from, which can be used instead of cell phones to scan the QR code at certain shops / authorities. An order email on the Luca app website. I used this and ordered 3 pieces for a fictitious business, but I didn't get it with the following note: Currently only orders from 1500 pieces are accepted. From the end of April, smaller quantities could also be ordered on other terms. Which conditions? Nobody was named to me, what is different then? I only know that a district ordered and received 900 pieces. Perhaps someone miscounted during the delivery.

I hardly believe it, in these times of constant dramatization of the pandemic situation, someone speaks up again whom I have not heard from for a long time. Especially not even though I had sent him three emails with the same request with a statement. In addition, the man is DIW President and is called Prof. Marcel Fratzscher. The new demand: relaxation of shop opening times. Plus tax relief. I do not want to comment on that, these demands are so absurd in these times. I would prefer to respond to my request, which the DIW President did not consider necessary to answer. Here is the full length of the email from March 4, 2021:

Today at around 2 p.m. an interview was broadcast on NDR Info, the content of which sounded as if it was older, especially your reference to unpaid November aid, which according to the Ministry of Economics has long been paid out, it seems that way. But that's not my subject. Excited and impossible, I took note of your statements about mini-jobbers and self-employed people. They talked about self-employed people having, so to speak, got the information (from wherever) that they should apply to Hartz IV in order to get money. You were indignant about this and spoke out in favor of the z. B. these two groups should be able to participate in short-time work benefits. Like right now? A salesperson who has paid unemployment insurance for 35 years and now also receives short-time allowance through UN-DEBT by closing the company and only receives his 60% or after 3 months 70%, should also receive less short-time allowance than a self-employed person? Because EXACTLY THIS is how it is, a seller has a claim under 1000 euros, a self-employed person should get 1200 euros or was it even 1500 euros? I guess I don't hear properly. They didn't pay anything into the coffers, that's just PITCH. Even under normal conditions they have no legal entitlement to state support; they only have that now because laws have been changed. That is an entrepreneur's risk.

If a company is not going well, it is also at risk for the company and then you have to file for bankruptcy. And the talk of impending bankruptcies is just as far-fetched. That was complained about last year, and what is the reality? Some companies have bumped into the thick aids and even made profits. When I hear that a hairdresser can no longer lockdown after a month or 2 months, what has he been doing in the past few years? If he didn't earn anything, maybe he should close the business because of mismanagement. Who asks the short-time workers? Do you think bills of 100% will get smaller with 60% short-time allowance? And who is talking about the upcoming tax refunds to the state because of the short-time work allowance? The money does not grow on trees or rain down. It is clear to me that you are not personally affected by this.

I would like a statement on how you came up with this absurdly shameful idea of distributing short-time work benefits to unauthorized persons. As far as the email, as I said, was never answered.

We remember the embarrassing vaccination campaign videos from the Federal Ministry of Health regarding Uschi Glas and Günther Jauch, who will be coming soon? Edeka Nord shows that citizens or employees can also be baited differently to get vaccinated. Also recently hit the headlines at Easter because of the statement by the CEO that the supply would not be guaranteed if the two days of rest had come. The employees who fall into the 2nd priority group receive a 50 euro shopping voucher as a reward after a vaccination has been carried out. It is questionable whether the concerns about the vaccination risks can be dispelled with 50 euros. Meanwhile, Aldi and Lidl are also on the move with bonuses, at least in the USA. While at Lidl 200 dollars should flow, Aldi should pay the employees 2 hourly wages.

Let's come back to the daily topic of testing and vaccination. As I think everyone knows by now, a quick test is not reliable, that is, up to 20% of the tests show a wrong result in one direction or the other there is no confirmation of the result. Therefore, and rightly, Prof. Drosten, who has withdrawn almost completely from the public for good reasons, warns against using these tests as admission tickets for events, outdoor catering, theater, sporting events etc., as is already being considered in some federal states and in some shops as an admission ticket if the test is updated daily. Since the rapid test shows infections only with a delay, the tested person may have long been infected but have no detectable symptoms, so that the test shows negative but viruses are already in the body and can also be spread. But if so, why take the test to enter shops or events?

On the subject of vaccination, I also have 2 current reports. On the one hand, no less than 17 vaccinated residents in a nursing home in Leichlingen tested positive for Corona, but 14 of them were already twice, i.e. completely vaccinated. An employee who was also fully vaccinated joined the infected. Well, say the virologists, you have to examine that first. Exactly, absolutely, because what explanation do you want to present to the citizens here so that they believe it? That has to be agreed and no one is allowed to leave afterwards. The city of Solingen, on the other hand, is liberal when it comes to Corona. With an incidence of 214.1 today and thus in the upper range of the counties, the city leaves it up to retailers to decide for themselves whether they want to open further or not. After all, every day counts when it comes to sales, until the evil emergency brake hits.

Finally, an important piece of information that many are already waiting for, which has tormented the question of who should pay for everything. The many economic rescue packages, EU aid, health costs and Co. YOU, the readers. And a concrete idea is also on the table: Large economic institutes (German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), Ifo Institute - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich e.V. in cooperation with the Economic Research Center of ETH Zurich (KOF), Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW Kiel), Leibniz Institute for Economic Research Halle (IWH), RWI - Leibniz Institute for Economic Research in cooperation with the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna) have spoken out in favor of a higher retirement age. The state finances should come back on a solid basis after a spring report, and YOU can, no YOU should be there. The higher retirement age should support the state finances. And so that you can really enjoy yourself, model calculations have already been made here not only for an entry age of 70, but also for the age of 75.