

Corona Conference Merkel and Prime Minister 19.01.2021

Today around 2 p.m. a virtual video conference between Ms. Merkel and the Prime Minister was supposed to take place in order to further decide what to do based on the mutations that have occurred. It wasn't until 9.45 p.m. that Ms. Merkel, Mr. Söder and Mr. Müller appeared in front of the press with the following news.

Ms. Merkel: Due to the mutations, we have brought the meeting that was actually planned on January 25th forward. The current numbers give hope, but the highly contagious mutation requires further discussion of the procedure. In Ireland and Great Britain in particular there are enormous infection rates, and cases are increasing in Germany too. We must act now to prevent it. The old measures will be retained, the following new measures have been decided to push the numbers further: The lockdown will be extended until 02/14/2021. Only medical masks, i.e. the so-called surgical masks or FFP2 masks, may be worn when shopping and using public transport. The home office must be strengthened, the current figures are far behind those in March 2020. The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, in charge of Mr. Heil, will shortly publish an elaboration on this. Rooms without adequate space always require the wearing of masks. An equalization of working hours is desired, e.g. B. Shift work. We struggled for a long time with children and schools. Schools and daycare centers will remain closed.

Vaccination topic: 10,000 Bundeswehr volunteers are available as vaccination helpers. It remains with the old people's / nursing homes and the disabled first. In churches of all faiths, meetings only take place without singing. If there are more than 10 people, this must be reported to the public order office 2 days in advance. This ordinance applies until March 15, 2021. The operating license for the manufacture of vaccines in Marburg has now been granted.

The incidence of 50 will not be reached in many counties, then further local measures may be possible. Every German citizen should receive a vaccination offer by the end of summer 2021. An initial evaluation of the mutation will be available by the beginning of February. The health authorities are further increased in staff.

EU topic: We will not be successful in our own country if not all of the EU's neighboring countries participate. If that doesn't work, considerations are made about entry controls, and Switzerland is also included in the considerations. We have many commuters from and to other countries at the borders. For example, the Czech Republic is a high risk country, so agreements have to be made. If other countries go other ways, border controls must ultimately be reintroduced. There are also weekly tests for commuters.

Prime Minister Müller: On Monday the Prime Ministers consulted with 8 experts from a wide variety of areas, it was confirmed that all of the correct measures, the right way, but we have to continue and now prepare for the mutation. The biggest and longest point of discussion was schools and children.

Prime Minister Söder: We discussed it for almost 11 hours and didn't make it easy for us, that's why it was so long. If the virus becomes more dangerous, the mask has to get better. They do not want to build up any additional pressure to perform when it comes to students, there will be considerations to let all the exams pass, to cancel exams or to repeat a year without credit.

Comment: So much for the content presented. As you can see, not much has changed. You wonder what it took 11 hours. Uh, wait a minute, why is Söder and Müller talking about 11 hours? Allegedly, the virtual conference should have started around 2 p.m. 2 p.m. + 11 hours are 1 a.m., the press conference took place at 9.45 p.m. minus the outward journey, so the conference must have ended at 9 p.m., but if you count back, 9 p.m. - 11 hours, I get to 10 a.m. . Who will recognize the error in Söder's calculation?

And that's not the only mistake. These 11 hours, because we believe both of them, must somehow be full. And then I discovered 3 possibilities, you can decide which one might be right: Case 1: The conference ended at 6 p.m. Ms. Merkel then picked up Mr. Seibert's press manager in the elevator on the 3rd floor of the Chancellery, but the elevator got stuck. By the time the security guards had locked everything and a technician had freed Ms. Merkel, it was already 8 p.m. Then freshen up a little, a little food and drink, get Mr. Seibert, it was 9 p.m. and that's it, or case 2: Germany and digital don't really go together yet. Due to the long negotiations, the Internet connections were disrupted or broken down here and there, so some content had to be discussed several times, waiting times arose, or else: Case 3: As always at the last meetings, everyone was completely in agreement on all points so that the discussions and ultimately long results dragged on forever, and then all the eating / drinking / smoking breaks. I don't know what do you think?

And finally, because I won't work on everything else for two days, I noticed Mr. Söder when he said: We don't want to put any additional pressure on the students to perform. What does he mean with that ? If a normal everyday school life from grade 5 has about 6 school hours, then doesn't he seriously believe that the students who have been exempted from school lessons now sit down at home for 6 hours, possibly with one parent, and study in one go? And then get homework from your parents so that everyday school life is as authentic as possible at home? Where is the pressure to perform at home? You learn when you feel like it and nothing else. And what does he do with physical education or religion? Does he think the parents will fetch the dumbbells from the broom closet for 45 minutes or order the pastor? There is no pressure to perform. And since he is obviously misinformed but always talks so cunningly, I want to explain to him a real pressure to perform: If someone has a job WITHOUT training and as a part-time schooling at home with bought school and solution books, teaches himself everything because none Teacher online or a parent is present and then after the double apprenticeship period has to take the same exam in front of the chamber as someone who was at school for 2 or 3 years. By the way, calls itself an external exam, but he has no idea about it and nobody cares, because THAT is real pressure to perform, the other is just playful stuff.