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40.2 million infections worldwide, Germany reached 373,000 with 9803 deaths

TOP 4 world infection rates: USA 8.2 million, Brazil 5.2 million, India 7.5 million, Russia 1.4 million. The 3 largest EU infection countries: Spain around 974,000 cases, Italy around 423,000 and France 951,000 cases. Almost 1,115,000 deaths worldwide.

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A new day, new Corona top performances. First of all, what is striking about the new numbers is that the increases in Europe are much more extreme than in the rest of the world. The "former" hotspots such as the USA, Brazil or India are currently barely showing any increases, whereas France e.g. over 30,000 within a day. Increases in Germany too, of course. As the last city with a population of millions, Hamburg has now exceeded the mark of 50 infections / 100,000 inhabitants with a value of 50.6 despite the insane regulations (yesterday's report). Well that's an achievement.

Due to the steadily increasing red and dark red areas of infection in Germany, I will currently no longer publish city lists, because this already affects almost 100 districts / cities, and tomorrow we will be above that. But what you can clearly see on the Germany map of the level of infection from the RKI, the extreme areas are almost all in the lower area of the map, means: Let's draw a straight line from Central Saxony, Leipzig, Harz, Hildesheim, Diepholz, Ammerland and Aurich, then above this line, apart from Berlin and Bremen, we do not (yet) have any red areas, ie all under 50 / 100,000. It's remarkable.

As described, Hamburg is supposed to be above it, but according to the RKI card, not yet in the 7-day average. But still to come. We are slowly but surely approaching the European values. And here we don't want to stand back - except in sensible measures that really work, and not half-hearted restrictions to allow 1 - 5 fewer people in one heap every week. That only brings one thing: the new infections slow down, but do not fail to appear. And that must be the goal.

Instead, the first green and left politicians from the Bundestag are now speaking out. Ms. Hasselmann, Ms. Kipping, Mr. Habeck and Co. feel left out, Mr. Spahn and the Prime Ministers with the Federal Government would, as it were, make regulations over the heads of the MPs without making agreements. They obviously had a blackout: In March 2020, the Bundestag gave Mr. Spahn these special rights due to the "epidemic of national scope", and if these gentlemen have forgotten, this regulation will apply until March 2021. Kipping speaks of the emergency of democracy, She wants a say and codecision in the Bundestag in matters of Corona, this could prevent undesirable developments. Habeck speaks of an important open debate on the Corona issue. Make it clear to me, because the left has little else to say, and fortunately neither have the Greens so far. But none of them understood that when it comes to Corona, there are no weeks of discussions and deliberations / postponements, etc., as the MPs like to do, but quick and concise decisions, preferably on the same day. And many members of the Bundestag are not able to do this. Apart from that, a large part of the MPs do not have any more knowledge and knowledge about Corona and sensible measures like every normal citizen, so what is the point of playing as an important expert?

Perhaps it would be better to leave decisions to people who have the appropriate qualifications and who do not want to play party-political tactics. It has never been the case that decisions are faster and better the more people are involved. On the contrary: the smaller the circle and the higher the qualification, the better. But as Seibert and Spahn said several times at press conferences: We are learning new things every day in the pandemic. I can't say about all of the Members. Mr Söder, on the other hand, has recognized this problem because, as every Prime Minister's meeting shows, not even the Prime Ministers can agree on uniform measures. Mr Söder sees federalism as an obstacle to decision-making, at least in these corona weddings, and would like the mask requirement and curfew hours to be uniform nationwide, which would also increase acceptance among the population.

That he can take action quickly and safely, shows his decision for the Berchtesgadener Land district, in which the record value of 252.1 new infections per 100,000 inhabitants was registered, even Berlin with all districts is below. Therefore, starting tomorrow afternoon, the following applies: No more leaving the apartment without a valid reason or certificate. This tough measure had become necessary because the large number of contacts could no longer be traced. There are now 701 people in quarantine. A big party is said to have been one of the causes of these mass infections.

In the meantime, Poland is also having problems with the increasing numbers, and it is hardly the case (I reported yesterday about help for the Czech Republic) when a radio station in Poland asked at a press conference why the Polish government is not asking for help from Germany. That is exactly what I said yesterday, Germany should serve for everyone who did not do their corona homework in the months of low infections. What should that be? Fortunately, Poland refused and now wants to build a 500 patient hospital out of the ground, similar to the model back then in Wuhan, where an emergency hospital was established within a few days. In England, too, the numbers are so dramatic that 12 hospitals can no longer accept patients. In Wales, a lockdown will be imposed from October 23rd to November 9th to prevent a permanent loss of control. In Austria, too, Chancellor Kurz has issued new rules: Not only have the number of participants at events been halved, without seats only 6 people are allowed inside, outside there are 12. These restrictions do not yet apply to funeral services. And it is no wonder that he has taken such measures: except for the Carinthia district, which is only orange with 40.6 per 100,000 inhabitants, Austria is completely red; all districts have between 60 and 160 and more new infections. A bad sign, and Carinthia will also achieve the goal of 50+ by the weekend, we are sure of that.

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