

Corona News 12/19/2020 Corona issues without end

75.7 million infections worldwide Germany reached 1,486,000 with 25,754 deaths

TOP 4 world infection rates: USA 17.4 million, India 10 million, Brazil 7.1 million, Russia 2.7 million. The 3 largest EU infection countries: France 2.5 million, Spain 1.8 million, Italy 1.9 million. Almost 1.7 million deaths worldwide. Argentina Colombia England Mexico Poland Iran over 1 million.

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Germany - figures on December 18th, 2020 at midnight and at midnight on December 19th, 2020

Total infections: 1,439,938 / + 30,277 on the previous day / 1,471,238 / + 31,300 on the previous day

Deaths 24,938 / + 813 on the previous day / 25,640 / + 702 on the previous day

7 days incidence for Germany 184.8 / 189.6

Super hotspots in Germany / counties:

Görlitz	616.1 / 623.2	Bautzen	668.2 / 674.9
Oberspreewald-Lausitz	526.6 / 522.1	Meißen	528.3 / 554.4
Central Saxony	550.5 / 579.7	Zwickau	562.9 / 543.8
Saxon Switzerland Eastern Ore.	589.6 / 615.3	Speyer	506.3 / 512.3
Altenburger Land	522.4 / 517.9	Regen	645.9 / 596.8

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The day before yesterday I reported that some shops, whose core competence is selling goods, had to close since Wednesday. To get around this, the perfumery chain Douglas has made a name for itself: Due to the fact that it was selling some drugstore items, it had classified itself in the drugstore category in order to be able to open it further. But customers and Verdi saw it differently and customers in particular did not find it funny at all: Now Douglas has turned in and closed the branches; It is still possible to collect ordered goods, not only from Douglas. Only in the federal states of Bavaria, Saxony and Baden Württemberg is this scam, as I call it, not possible. Because one thing is clear: everyone can have the goods sent to their home, but why do the branches want to make collection possible if this is not necessary at all? Reason for some shops: The goods are not in stock in the so-called central warehouse, but only in the local shop, others have no central warehouse at all. However, there is also shipping from some branches in addition to pick-up, so that all ordered goods can be sent without any problems, no information on this. And the regulatory office is silent, and politics has once again presented and decided on a sketchy concept. And why a Christmas tree sale is systemically relevant and thus allowed to open further is also a secret of politics, especially of the prime ministers. Just like a cleaning that is allowed to open further, a sewing room that repairs items of clothing but cannot now pick them up because of the closings. A lot of confusion, little meaningful regulations that are clear.

But the list of curiosities goes even further: As we know, the sale of fireworks is prohibited this year, as is the use of pyrotechnics. Selling prohibited: no problem. In the meantime, some citizens have come up with the idea of simply stocking up inexpensive firecrackers from neighboring countries such as Poland. Some of these do not correspond in any way to the strict regulations in Germany, which is precisely what the ban is supposed to bring about: injuries that may have to be treated in hospitals. But as with the lockdown regulation, some executing persons in the federal states apparently did not

think along again, so in Lower Saxony. Here the ban on firecrackers has now been overturned and declared invalid. Comprehensible explanation: A general ban is not lawful; it is clear that with adult table fireworks, sparklers or lead pouring, the risk of serious injuries must be excluded; apparently, however, the prohibition regulation was kept flat, which the judges criticized. And in the meantime the last mayor, district administrator, prime minister, etc. should also know: There is one or more who first complain against every corona ban.

In addition, yesterday I came up with the idea of why not first vaccinate young people, who are the ones who pass the virus on most of the time. This point met with incomprehension among some readers, but wrongly, as can be read today. Because on DocCheck.com, Prof. Dr. med. Dr. PH Timo Ulrichs, Head of International Emergency and Disaster Aid B.A., Professor for International Emergency and Disaster Aid at the Chair for Global Health and Development Cooperation at the Akkon University of Applied Sciences Berlin. Quote: ... the people who have the highest priority who contribute most to the transmission in the population. (End of quote) And those are of course people with many contacts, young people. And further (quote): If the young people were to be the first to get the corona vaccination, the possible super spreaders would be withdrawn from the market right at the beginning and so many more potential contacts / virus transmission would be prevented than when vaccinating the risk groups themselves (Quote end). Sounds kind of logical, vaccinate the spreaders rather than those affected, that is also much faster.

Meanwhile, the news about vaccine and availability doesn't stop there. Now it is said that the approval should be on December 21st. for the EU, from 27.12. the vaccinations should start in Germany. According to the RKI, there is a 6-level priority list from which every citizen can see where he stands and when he can expect to redeem the right to receive a vaccination; if he wants to. Excuse me if he will? Compulsory vaccination through the back door, our Research Minister Karliczek has now also recognized this and, as a precaution, explains that as a government, hands are tied when companies or institutions stipulate a vaccination as a condition for receiving benefits. Nothing can be done about that. Oh no, how about a law that prevents these machinations before they go to school? Also, how much will ultimately need a vaccination is completely unclear: Some say 40-60%, others 70-80%, how much now? 70-80% won't anyway. There are justified doubts and reservations about the Biontech vaccine, both among medical staff and among the general public, particularly because of the side effects that can be expected, especially in people with certain long-term illnesses and allergies. Apart from that, several other companies are said to be in talks that can deliver vaccine at short notice; contrary to the STIKO, which claimed just a few days ago that only 1 vaccine is currently approved. Allegedly the EU is already negotiating with a "new" company Novavax, a US company that is supposed to deliver 100 million vaccine doses for the EU. If it is successful, this will be the 7th vaccine supply contract for the EU, supposedly over 2 billion vaccine doses will be available in the EU alone. But that's not true, because so far no approval has even been granted, and who is supposed to get through with the different variants of vaccines, which is the best, the most effective, the most tolerable, etc.? Who decides which vaccine is given, or can I choose it, etc. Everything is still unclear, but theoretically everything is already distributed. So while the EU is still negotiating and allegedly examining it carefully, the US on December 16. An emergency approval of a second vaccine from Moderna has already been promised.

To this end, Germany has a very well thought-out vaccine person priority plan, designed for the different population groups, where we come back to who is served first and who is last. There are 6 groups, with 1 having the highest priority and 6 the least, which are as follows: Group 1 includes residents and staff of old people's and nursing homes, people over 80 years of age and people who deal with or deal with risk groups belong. Group 2 includes people between the ages of 72 and 79, people with dementia or intellectual disabilities and their caregivers, people with Down syndrome and

people at risk in medical facilities. Group 3 includes the age groups 70 - 74 years, people with transplanted organs or previous illnesses, contact persons to pregnant women or persons at high risk, staff and residents of communal accommodation, staff with medium risk and those who are medically relevant in hospitals and parts of the ÖGD .

We come to group 4: Age 65 - 69 years, people of medium risk and the closest contact persons, staff with low risk in the medical field, teachers, educators and people with precarious working and / or living conditions. (What are precarious working or living conditions and who determines them?). Group 5: 60 - 64 years, important staff of the state / federal governments, retail workers, professional groups with critical infrastructure and maintenance of public safety. The last group 6 basically forms the rest of the population, all under 60 years of age. Without special marks. The list is in short form and may not be exhaustive, if in doubt, simply contact the local health department in good time.

And I have just received detailed information on the EU negotiations on vaccines. While Spahn has always said that thoroughness is more important than speed, it doesn't depend on 2 weeks, Mrs. von der Leyen talks about the fact that every day counts. Yes what now? The press office of the Representation of the European Commission in Berlin has announced that the contracts / negotiations are divided as follows; As of December 15, 2020: The European Commission has contracts with AstraZeneca (400 million doses), Sanofi-GSK (300 million doses), Johnson and Johnson (doses for 400 million people), BioNTech-Pfizer (300 million doses), CureVac (405 Million cans) and Moderna (160 million cans). As I already reported, since December 17th. a possible 7th contract.

While after the federal government's distribution campaign of FFP2 masks to older people, Deutsche Bahn is now also distributing FFP2 masks free of charge at all major train stations in Germany, the question that arises more and more often is why FFP 2? As is well known, they only protect the wearer, but not the person opposite. Why suddenly these masks now, when the majority have been wearing the so-called surgical masks for over six months. In the end just a feint by the federal government, and this mask doesn't work? Even manufacturers write nothing about protection against viruses and aerosols on the packaging of the surgical masks, and there is probably a reason.

Meanwhile, on December 17th, the Association of German Banks from Berlin presented an interesting study. It is about Germany as a business location, the economic and social situation of the population and companies during the corona pandemic. This shows that apparently many do not yet really realize the scope of the pandemic and the costs that have already arisen and are still to come. Most of them currently see the savings due to the cancellation of vacation trips and missing events, have thus saved planned money and are doing well. That's nice. A majority say that the pandemic will have little or no negative financial consequences. Oh, who pays for all the mask stuff, disinfectants, additional hygiene products, etc.

The report also states that 76% of those questioned attributed this to the generous short-time working regulations, among other things. Which generous short-time working regulations? That certainly means money. Why generously, that has always been the case. And the bomb will soon burst: next year the tax back payments for the short-time work allowance will be due, because of no negative influences. Let's see. What is interesting about the study is that as of April, the number of those who are not negatively affected by the pandemic has increased.

At the end of today's report, a few short messages. The state of North Rhine-Westphalia does not want to pay any wage reimbursements to the Tönnies butchery and its subcontractors. The reason is the behavior of the employer in the pandemic, which is said to have led to the infection or spread of the virus in the company.

Meanwhile, amazon wants to be systemically relevant, at least in the USA, and urge its employees to be among the first to be vaccinated. After all, these would contribute to supplying the population.

And also for all Bundescorona app friends: Thanks to a new update, the app should now also run smoothly on older models of Apple smartphones, namely on the iPhone 5s and iPhone 6. Isn't that great?

The police and public order office in Göttingen were not idle in November either. Due to the increasing corona numbers and ever new regulations, almost 25% of around 5300 controls !!! more serious violations that have led to proceedings. The statement by Laschet or Söder immediately takes on a new quality: They (by which the citizens are meant) are doing well on the whole. Sounds to me like the testimonial clause: "Has tried". Not more.

A special patient stayed in a hospital in Leipzig for a few days or longer. The reason: Corona. And so bad that he had to be intubated, so artificially ventilated. Wouldn't everything be worth mentioning if it weren't for a person from the organization group de Querdenker Demo. Too bad too, there is no Corona and nobody needs the masks. And if the name is known now, his career as a lateral thinker is about to end.

World Medical President Montgomery is currently painting a bleak picture of the future regarding Corona. He does not see the lockdown ended for a long time and believes that at least parts of it will still exist at Easter; depending on how far the vaccinations are solid and bear fruit. Even until the corona numbers fall below 50 per 100,000 inhabitants on a 7-day average in Germany, a good month will pass. We are currently at just under 190 per 100,000 inhabitants, no sign of reduction.



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And I would also like to briefly report on a technical innovation that can be used in many ways, especially for Corona controls. Control devices that are installed at the entrances of trade fairs, certain airport areas, security areas in companies, etc. and that work on the basis of fingerprints or facial recognition already exist. The face checkpoint scanner from MOHN GmbH is new and revolutionary. Because not only is the face checked on the basis of comparative data when passing by, but the body temperature is also checked. And that's not all: He can even check whether mouth and nose protection is available and, if so, that it is correctly positioned. There are many possible uses, as you can see in the photos. Further information on this product is available at: www.mohn-gmbh.com.

So, that was the report from December 19th; this time with figures from December 18. + 19.12., As the report was actually planned yesterday.