

## **Corona News 02/22/2021 Opening, money and vaccination**

**111 million infections worldwide Germany reached 2,397,000 with 67,955 deaths**

**Infection rates: USA 28 million, India 11 million, Brazil 10 million, Russia 4 million EU: France 3.7 million, Spain 3.1 million, Italy 2.8 million England 4.1 million 2.4 million deaths worldwide. Turkey Argentina Colombia Mexico over 2 million 21 countries over 1 million.**

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**Germany - numbers on 02/22/2021 3:10 a.m. 7 days incidence for Germany 61**

**Total infections: 2,390,928 / + 4369 on the previous day, deaths 67903 / + 62 on the previous day**

**High-risk counties: Tirschenreuth 353.9**

**Weiden i.d. Upper Palatinate 252.7 Wunsiedel i. Fichtel Mountains 309.7**

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From today the great freedom of movement in Israel. The state has introduced a green passport certifying that people have been vaccinated twice. So that the person may again z. B. going to sports studios, attending a cultural or sporting event, the retail trade is also open again, although the number of infections is still high. The economy has put such pressure on the government and pushed through the easing. It remains to be seen whether the whole thing makes sense and how the numbers will develop again. Young people, however, are not too willing to be vaccinated; now they are trying to attract some with free drinks. Hard to believe. But one thing strikes me as familiar: Here in Germany, too, the government is being put under pressure by the retail lobby, supported by the FDP on Lindner matters.

He put pressure on the government with a clever move. Before the Prime Minister's meeting at the beginning of February, he had argued that hairdressers would have to reopen, that there was no reason for long closings, that the hygiene concepts would take effect. Now the government has promised to open hairdressers on March 1, 2021, and he's coming around the corner again, this time with retail openings. Explanation now: If hairdressers could open, so could retail. He then lure rigorously to take advantage of it. That's how we know the FDP.

And while we're at the vaccination. Here, too, the lobbyists are getting stronger. After a vaccination plan was carefully drawn up with the individual groups at the beginning of the vaccination, depending on their needs and importance, it all seems to be wasted. First Karliczek talked about educators and teachers who should be preferred. Now it's the dentists who should come earlier. And other groups that follow later simply prescribed an early vaccination for themselves and then apologized afterwards that something went wrong somehow. All this back and forth shows one thing: some people feel more important and meaningful than others.

So does Mr. Spahn, at least when it comes to essential questions about vaccines. Because in the meantime the question arises when someone z. B. has been vaccinated with vaccine A, can he then get a second vaccination with vaccine B or C? Not only does Mr. Spahn answer this question in the affirmative, suddenly he raises the question of a possibly necessary 3rd vaccination, one would not even know whether it would be necessary. Right, Mr. Spahn, you hardly know anything about vaccines in terms of long-term effects, just put it that way.

Basically, they are all experiments, how long do the vaccines work without the possibility of infection, when do they have to be refreshed, what long-term side effects occur, etc. But we know from other studies that it can take several years before well-founded results are available. But despite the lack of knowledge - the next vaccine from Johnson & Johnson should be ready in about 1 month, the range is growing.

While many companies, sole proprietorships and owners are struggling for money to survive due to the long lockdowns, there are others who make fun of it and try to rip money off the state with what are actually cheap tricks. I would like to mention a particularly bold case here as an example. In the middle of last year, a 19-year-old who was already involved in criminal offenses forged personal details and sneaked through achievements in Neukölln, sometimes as a restaurateur, sometimes self-employed or even a car company. He got over 60,000 euros in this way, his career includes zero job, zero professional training, but already probation. Good job. In Berlin, too, a 30-year-old is said to have stolen over 200,000 euros. The reports about money sneaking do not stop there, in Berlin alone there are said to be over 5000 cases. In Lower Saxony there were over 1200 by the end of 2020. B. in Lower Saxony

a total of almost 10 million euros, now certainly more. A million dollar business for fraudsters who are simply not getting any less. Here the law should and must proceed with all severity, giving such people a lesson that has washed their way. An unrivaled insolence and impertinence that demands the toughest punishment. The German state or the federal government will not be so upset, with the small sums, it has not just been the case that 1.5 billion euros have been pledged again in the fight against Corona at the G7 summit. Well, please, there is enough coal.

And since the subject of wearing a mask is so beautiful, I would like to go back to it briefly at this point. I have already said a few things about the sense of duty in public, Ms. Merkel and Mr. Spahn could say more about how silly it is, but let's let an expert have the floor. In this case, NTV had an interview with Dr. Georg Scheuch on February 19, 2021.

Dr. Scheuch is the managing director of GS Bioinhalation GmbH. This is mainly concerned with the areas of lung drugs, aerosol medicine and inhalation products. Dr. In 2015 Scheuch not only developed a new concept with the installation of the Bio Business Park in Gemünden, but also (quote from the PR release from May 18, 2015 Bio Business Park): In Gemünden, not only inhalation devices will be developed and marketed in the future, but also the Bio Business Park offers space and infrastructure for young medical technology and biotechnology companies (end of quote). In addition, Dr. Scheuch founder and now on the supervisory board of Ventaleon GmbH, which deals with the development of inhalative treatments against viral infections.

Dr. Scheuch is a biophysicist with many years of experience in aerosol medicine, among other things. He is also a regulatory expert at the European Medicines Agency and a member of various scientific advisory boards for pharmaceutical companies. He answers his admission on the subject of aerosols and the possibilities of infection in the fresh air as follows: No, nothing can happen, guaranteed. At most, he sees a possible risk in very close contact with infected people, if one stands across from them and talks. This is also proven by a study from China, in which 7,000 infections were traced and only one was found to be infected outdoors. Should give us all food for thought. Clear words.

The mutations are brought into play in addition to the incidence numbers that are now rising again, and there is even talk of a coming third wave. Wasn't it always said that the higher the temperatures, the more inactive the virus was? Then why the 3rd wave now? This should dampen the opening calls from some retailers, restaurants and sports businesses, because where numbers below 30 / 100,000 inhabitants were already displayed last week, these have now risen to over 40. It remains to be seen how the curve continues to change. And strangely strange, even with falling numbers last week, ever tougher measures across Europe, at least in some EU countries. Just why ?

Last week I asked KfW about checking payments and earmarking or why it is possible for the company to bunker the money and obviously not need it urgently, how that can be.

A detailed answer came promptly: A central goal of KfW-Corona-Hilfe is to ensure access to capital and thus economic activity for companies that have got into difficulties due to the corona pandemic, regardless of their size or industry. Since it was impossible to predict at the beginning of the pandemic how much the resulting crisis would threaten the economy in Germany, the KfW Corona crisis was designed in such a way that companies were not excluded from access simply because of their size. Since KfW Corona Aid is public funds secured by the federal government, lending is tied to strict conditions (including a ban on profit and dividend distributions). In addition, as state aid, KfW-Corona-Hilfe is subject to the conditions of the temporary framework of the European Commission ("Temporary Framework"), which regulates state corona aid in all EU countries.

Loan applications of up to EUR 100 million are checked and approved by the commercial banks carrying out the transfer and then refinanced by KfW (for loans > 3 after its own risk assessment), credit volumes > EUR 100 million are checked by banking consortia, i.e. a group of several banks that are involved KfW participates on the same market terms. KfW grants individual loans directly on behalf of the Federal Government on the basis of the KfW Act ("allocation business").

Some, especially larger companies, used KfW Corona aid at the beginning of the crisis to secure a capital buffer in the event that other financing channels (e.g. the capital market) remain closed due to the crisis. In individual cases, companies have then successfully developed alternative sources of finance and have since paid back the promised loan, including the interest accrued for the term. The KfW, the federal government and thus the taxpayer did not incur any burdens. So much for the remarks. Thanks a lot for this.

Finally, another message to think about. From the federal government. Last week she appointed a special representative for the vaccine production of the corona vaccine. The busy post will be given to Christoph Krupp, previously spokesman for the board of the Federal Agency for Real Estate Tasks. He is lucky, he will be released from this task for the duration of his new job. After all, he has a lot to do. Being the point of contact for manufacturers, guaranteeing and maintaining supply chains. Whoa, how exhausting. The Federal Ministry of Health can't do that? Do you need a special representative? Or a little party support for the SPD on behalf of Scholz, because Krupp has been Scholz's confidante and companion for many years. And who brought a vaccination officer into conversation, brought up the name Krupp? Well who could that be? Right, Sch ... z.