

Corona News 05/22/2021 Travel feasting have fun

The new freedom is back. Every federal state has now quickly made many things corona-compatible, especially before Pentecost, and made opening steps clear at short notice. Vaccinated, convalescent people are happy, citizens who have adhered to all corona measures for 15 months and are therefore never sick, watch over Pentecost and then over the barricade fence in the catering trade as others drink a fresh beer and feast on sauerbraten. Unlucky, you could have dealt with an infection early on. But the chance will be even greater in the next few weeks, because in the meantime the mask requirement will also drop here and there, depending on the incidence, in some retailers from next week. And how great the corona concepts, which have been emphasized again and again for weeks in order to force openings through, are again shown by current examples of violations on Sylt and Sankt Peter-Oerding, which show that concepts are only as good as they are actually implemented. A full 20 catering establishments have violated several standard Corona rules: Too many people from too many households at one table, too many guests overall and too little distance. These are the new rules of freedom, and the concepts look so clean - if you still believe that at Pentecost and afterwards everything will be different, eat clear.

But nobody needs to be outside or inside in confined spaces to perhaps get Corona, even with medical treatment you have the chance; where you actually least expect that, since specialists should have the highest security levels. But not all. I recently reported to a family doctor about overcrowded waiting rooms, today I want to make a report about a Schwerin doctor who and his team probably did not consider the hygiene rules to be 100% important. The consequence: 3 employees of the doctor and the doctor himself, who works in a medical center, are infected, around 200 treated patients are allowed to quarantine for 14 days, how many of them are infected is not yet known.

Today I would like to start again with Göttingen. As it was reported yesterday, this year there is an allegedly strict obligation to test for harvest workers, as especially in this area there were heaps of contagion last year due to various non-compliance with measures. Specifically, this means that a test must be taken before starting work, and then at least twice a week.

Testing topic. We have an official large test center at the train station in Göttingen with 6 test cells working at the same time. I had already done several nose tests there, where the swabs are passed through the nose to the wall of the throat and a smear is taken. So far I know it. Now I have had a nose test done in a pharmacy. I would like to describe the process: Before I start, I have to fill out a routing slip in which I confirm, among other things, that I do not have Corona. Well, if I knew that for sure, I didn't need a test. Then the instruction: Please blow your nose thoroughly. OK. Then a smear is taken: on both nostrils only at the very front directly at the nostril, plus the comment: You have a dry nose. What? Later, without specifying who took this test and where, I ask a professional test center to what extent such a test makes sense at all. The devastating result: They call the procedure a "layperson smear", of which nobody knows whether the smear really works. The accuracy would be equivalent to a self-test and is just 40 - 60%. Oops, is that a pharmacy? Incorrectly conveyed security, incorrectly conveyed test results? I had imagined it differently, in a long-established pharmacy.

Then I would like to briefly shed light on a topic that kept coming up during the Corona times. The so battered retail trade. Multiple complete lockdown, part - lockdown, click & collect, appointment by telephone, negative test, everything retailers had to go through, what losses they had to accept. And the gastronomy? It was generously donated by the state and given excessive support in terms of support money; so the representatives of the German retail trade. Therefore, the retail trade wants to sue now and knock out an additional payment. The figures from the Federal Statistical Office Wiesbaden had shown that sales in many retail stores held up quite well in the Corona months, because sales could be generated through online trading, Click & Collect and other measures.

The losers tend to be the small shops that do not sell groceries and do not offer online trading. But of course the representatives of the retail trade are primarily concerned with the big applicants in the market, and they don't seem to be doing so badly. How else is it to be justified that z. B. Net company from November 2020 - April 2021 organized a competition that offers 10,000 euros a week plus many other instant prizes. Even during the Corona times, the Kaufland company had monthly competitions in which you could win cars, for example, many hundreds of other prizes, and every new opening awarded hundreds of shopping vouchers. We are currently finding a competition in the REWE brochure with one ticket for every 15 euros of purchase with a code and a chance of 1,000,000 euros. These are just 3 examples of many, plus various manufacturer competitions, e.g. from beer companies with crown cap codes and so on. So again: the big players don't seem that bad.

Mr Scholz, currently finance minister and now on an election campaign tour through Germany, a digital tour means: Depending on where he is digital, citizens can contact him live, via chat or email and ask questions. Everything is allowed, everything will be answered. A reason for me to register and have it switched live. My burning question on the subject of short-time work allowance, which interests and affects millions, which I was then able to put live to Mr Scholz (in full): The subject of short-time work allowance. Mr Scholz said yesterday in the Bundestag that many would not be affected by the tax back payments. How is the statement explained? As soon as a month of taxed income has been received, all short-time working benefits are added to the gross salary, which automatically lead to an additional payment. Mr Scholz's answer in the near wording: Well, the system is actually relatively easy to understand, and then you always have to calculate it in the specific individual case, of course I can't, but I want to explain once and maybe precisely using the example of your question . So, has worked for 3 months and, I'm now inventing a sum, earned 2800 euros gross per month or 3300 euros, he then pays the taxes that arise on such income in January February March, always assuming that you still work from April through December continue to this monthly income. And then, as has now been the case for some, there is short-time work in the months that follow, often without any further employment, short-time work zero, and there is a net payment. If we didn't have a regulation now, then there would be taxes back for the months of January February March, because for the tax office it would be as if you hadn't got anything the whole time you got short-time allowance, and that would not be the case with the other taxpayers fair. That is why there is the so-called progression proviso. But it is only supposed to amend this situation and not lead to the fact that you have to pay more than if you had had a normal year.

You can now look closely, how is it in individual cases, but that is actually the situation. I keep getting new letters where someone does the math, but most of my officers are so calculated that they are wrong to worry. (End of Mr. Scholz's statement; did you get or hear the answer to my question WHY he said that many are not affected by back payments?) Must have passed me by.

Mr. Spahn becomes active again. Now he wants to pass a law that will criminalize forgeries of vaccination passports, self-issuance of rapid test certificates and documents, and the whole thing should be able to bring in up to 2 years imprisonment. But what this is supposed to mean is unknown to me and him. Because forging official documents / certificates / professional certificates etc. has long been a criminal offense. Doctors are also to be targeted; Only a few weeks ago the certificate requirements were changed so that the diagnosis now also has to be listed; now the doctors are being put under pressure with threats of punishment and indirectly imputed to them that they at least issue certificates that are not based on a medical history, according to a health insurance company. The spokeswoman for the health insurance company forgot that every year, especially in the case of allergies such as hay fever with allergic asthma, there are always new patients who have no medical history. There are many diseases of the respiratory tract that are developing again, according to the findings of the health insurance company, probably not.

After the many celebrity advertisements and doctor's speeches for the vaccination, now a small setback. Ironically, such a great celebrity, well-known celebrity, Eric Clapton, is said to have spoken up. He had received the vaccination from AstraZeneca and had side effects immediately. These are said to have lasted over 10 days. After the second vaccination, he again had severe side effects, especially in his hands and feet, which would have put him out of action for 14 days. The statement that the vaccine is safe for everyone is pure "propaganda". Spahn would say: These are vaccine reactions, and the more violent they are, the better for the body. Just.

Here is an important advance notice: A few weeks ago I reported on a Covid-19 PCR test that can be quickly evaluated and that has clear advantages over the rapid test. Because until now PCR tests were more of a test with a result the next day, the Canadian company XPhyto, in cooperation with the German sales, logistics and storage company Max Pharma GmbH Memmingen, has launched a 25-minute point-of-care PCR rapid test which will be available in Germany from May 25th. This test works on the reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) method. No RNA extraction is required here. After the RT-PCR, the SARS-CoV-2 virus is detected on a test chip within 5 minutes. The result can be read visually immediately. This combines the speed of an antigen test with the accuracy of a PCR test (manufacturer's information).