

Germany Registers Highest Number of New Corona Infections Since May



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The Coronavirus infection numbers in Germany are now rising quickly. On Wednesday morning, the Robert Koch Institute reported 8,324 new COVID-19 cases within the past 24 hours. It is the highest number since May 21st, when 8,769 new cases were reported.

Berlin, August 18th, 2021 (The Berlin Spectator) — In Germany, the number of Corona infections is now increasing at an alarming pace yet again. As many as 80 counties now have Seven Day Incidence levels higher than 50, three of them exceeded 100. The Robert Koch Institute also reported high Incidences in nine out of twelve Berlin districts. Neukölln is still the German capital's Corona hotspot. It now stands at 111.5. Only Flensburg in north-western Germany has a higher Seven Day Incidence. Here, it increased to 116.5.

Rising Numbers in Berlin

The other Berlin districts with high Incidences are Spandau (93.7), Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg (82.6), Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf (82.2), Mitte (79.4), Reinickendorf (75.5), Tempelhof-Schöneberg (72.9), Lichtenberg (57.2) and Marzahn-Hellersdorf (53.2). One out of 412 German counties stands at 0.0. It is Weimar. Germany's national Incidence rose to 40.8, from 37.4 on Tuesday.

On the list of federal states, the numbers do not look good either. Hamburg has reached an Incidence level of 74.5, Berlin stands at 69.2 and North Rhine-Westphalia at 64.6. Schleswig-Holstein just exceeded the critical level of 50 for the first time in months.

Vaccinations on Trains

In the meantime, the federal states intend to shut down their regional vaccination

centers in spite of the fact that Germany's vaccination campaign is stalling. The 'Redaktionsnetzwerk Deutschland' reports, the reason behind the closures was the fact that the funding by the state ended at the end of September. This means the federal states would have to run those vaccination centers at their own cost. This is something they are not ready to do.

Soon, doctor's offices are supposed to take over, even though they are already busy vaccinating their patients. Some states intend to take the vaccinations to the people instead of the other way around. The Berlin Senate even plans to offer vaccinations on 'S-Bahn' city trains. In the German capital, people are already being vaccinated at popup vaccination spots located at squares and Ikea parking lots.

Low Vaccination Rate

Before the summer vacations, up to 1.3 million Germans had been vaccinated per day. Nowadays, the number of persons who get their shots on good days is less than half. Last week, a bit more than half a million vaccinations were administered on Wednesday. On the other days, the numbers were even lower. So far, 57.5 percent of all Germans and other residents of Germany have been fully vaccinated.

All relevant Corona numbers for Germany, and daily Corona updates, can be found in our Corona chronology.

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