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Dear Jean-Francois,

Please, find our situation in Spain in capitals following your questions.

Best regards

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Asunto: RE:COVID IN EUROPE

Dear all,

In France, we are returning to daily epidemic figures that are much better than during the second wave epidemic peak, which we experienced in End of October. However, the number of new contaminations (yesterday: a little more than 9,000 new contaminations) no longer seems to be an indicative marker since the arrival of antigenic tests which reveal a problem of centralization of positive cases.

So I have two questions for all of you : 1.

* What is happening in your countries for antigenic tests? In France, we recommend them for symptomatic people, but they are used for "recreational" purposes: when I go to see my grandmother, I will test myself with an antigenic test. What about in your country? ANTIGENIC TESTS CURRENTLY AVAILBLE IN SPAIN NEED MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION, THEY ARE NOT "SELF TESTING DEVICES". HOWEVER, THESE TESTS CAN BE AQUIERED THROUGH INTERNET AND IT IS DIFICOULT TO CONTROL. ACCORDING TO OUR TESTING STRATEGY, THEY SHOULD BE APPLIED ALSO TO SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS OR PEOPLE AND SECENARIOS WITH HIGH PROBABILITY OF INFECTION. WHENEVER RAPID ANTIGENIC TESTS ARE USED IN OTHER POPULATIONS, POSITIVE CASES HAVE TO BE CONFIRMED BY PCR.

* During the lockdown, we have a certain number of infections (perhaps almost half) that occur into the family, when masks are removed. Several groups in France are working on establishing recommendations on how to respect barrier gestures when we are in the family in perspective of Christmas and holidays. Have you written recommendations? WE ARE WORKING ON THE "CHRISTMAS" DOCUMENT RIGHT NOW. INTRAFAMILY TRANSMISSION IS THE TRANSMISSION SETTING MORE DIFICOULT TO CONTROL, THUS WE CONSIDER VERY IMPORTANT TO REDUCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE VIRUS IN NEW FAMILY GROUPS BY CONTROLLING ALL OTHER TRANSMISSION SETTINGS THAT ARE LESS DIFICOULT TO CONTROL. WHEN WE HAVE OUR DOCUMENT FINISHED IT WILL MADE PUBLIC.

Thanking you in advance,

Best,

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Dear all,

At the French Scientific Council, we are in the process of thinking about 2 topics: Mass Testing and Access to vaccine.

1. In your different committees, are you thinking about Mass Testing? In France, we were very keen on it 10 days ago, now we are hesitating, given the modelling and the enormous effort for a limited result, perhaps doing some experiments.

2. How do you see the global strategy for the introduction of vaccines in your different countries in 1 or 2 months : key populations, operational strategy...

If you have any feedback, I would be interested.

Thanking you in advance.

Good luck to all and take care of yourself.

Best regards,

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Dear all,

I would like to share with you concerns and perhaps the need for some kind of very flexible coordination at European level on the response to the second wave of COVID-19.

1. In France

The French Scientific Council COVID-19 had foreseen this second wave and alerted the politicians in July and then several times in September with, finally, governmental decisions but rather late, at the end of September.

Currently, the situation is out of control with around 45,000 new cases diagnosed per day, which should correspond to 80,000 to 100,000 real new infections per day.

There has been a major acceleration in the number of cases over the last 10 days, without clear explanations, may be favoured by a climatic cooling at the beginning of October and, of course, by the fact that a part of the young population doesn't receive the prevention messages correctly ...

The epidemic affects the whole French territory, mainly, but not only, the big cities. It is now spreading to peri-urban areas. The level of occupation of Intensive Care Units beds by COVID+ is around 50%. The doubling time for new hospitalisations is less than a week.

We are going to have a very difficult and even critical period in the next 3 weeks at hospital level given that the COVID negative pathology must also be taken care of.

Concerning the French measures, for the past few days we had a curfew from 9PM to 6AM on two thirds of French territory. It is generally respected but with cafés and restaurants full of people between 6PM and 9PM.

In my opinion, the French situation is a little advanced, but it is happening throughout Europe.

2. The French Scientific Council must give recommendations at the beginning of the week to the French government to take new decisions. We are moving towards 3 types of proposals:

a. Self-lockdown of the most fragile (+65 years old, co-morbidities = about 22 million people). This would be a self-lockdown and not a compulsory lockdown, which seems difficult legally in France.

b. And generalised curfew from 6PM/7PM to 6AM throughout France, including the weekend: strict restrictions on shop openings, teleworking + + +, resumption of schools at the beginning of November, closure of bars and restaurants, reminder of barrier measures, closure of universities, evaluation of this strategy after 12 days and if no sanitary improvements, confinement.

c. Or generalised lockdown, Irish type, with permission to go to school, to working for people when teleworking is not possible, for a period of 1 month (?) followed by progressive lockdown removal with curfews for X (?) weeks.

Of course, we are fully aware that the issues at stake are other than sanitary linked to COVID, that they are also:

- * Societal: acceptance of measures + + +
- * Economic: estimated cost of 2b: €1 billion per month, 2c: €10 billion per month
- * And sanitary, in the medium term, not linked to COVID.

My questions for all of you are the following:

- * Where do you stand in your reflection at the level of your country?
- * The wave being European, even if there are differences, shouldn't our governments be encouraged to have a response, if not identical, then at least coordinated? This would probably have two advantages:
 - o A better perception of the situation by the citizens of the different countries
 - o And a better acceptance of measures, if they are not taken country by country but there is a more global vision.

These are of course political decisions, but we can encourage our respective governments to coordinate better.

3. I will come back to you in a few days to try to reflect with you on the post-Second Wave: what can we anticipate from the beginning of 2021?

I fully understand that you are all very busy in your national response, as we are, but the problem goes beyond each country.

Thank you for your return, which is a little urgent,

Best regards to all on this difficult Sunday,

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