

Report from the cabinet meeting on March 4, 2021:

Council of Ministers supports MPK decisions / Incidence-dependent relief approved / Additional funds for tests

In the fight against the corona pandemic, Germany and Bavaria are now facing decisive weeks.

In view of the virus variants, the state government continues to rely on the successful course of caution and prudence. The outbreak of a third wave of pandemics must be prevented. A clever and balanced concept with the guard rails is decisive: more tests, more vaccinations and further observance of the distance and hygiene rules including the FFP2 mask requirement.

The Council of Ministers welcomes the further development of the vaccination concept. The involvement of the contract and company doctors as well as the resident doctors as well as the maximum possible exhaustion of the interval between the two vaccinations will significantly increase the vaccination speed. The announced release of AstraZeneca for people over the age of 65 will also significantly accelerate the vaccination of the particularly vulnerable age group. Particularly important for Bavaria is the possibility of priority use of vaccines in severely affected border regions. The comprehensive involvement of general practitioners and specialists in the vaccination campaign promised for the end of March / beginning of April 2021 is expressly positive. This massive expansion of vaccination capacities is groundbreaking for further steps. It must be said as soon as possible: Anyone who wants to get a vaccination.

The Council of Ministers also expressly welcomes the fact that the federal government has now decided to significantly improve the test strategy and, in particular, to introduce free, easily accessible test options based on the model of the Bavarian test strategy for everyone.

The Council of Ministers also decided:

1. Consistently develop the Bavarian test strategy further - rapid tests and self-tests

a. The Council of Ministers decides to procure 11.5 million rapid antigen tests per month by June 30th, 2021. The necessary funds of EUR 183 million are made available.

b. The Council of Ministers decides to procure 12.4 million self-tests each for the months of March to May 2021 and 17.7 million self-tests for June 2021. The necessary funds of 284 million euros will be made available.

c. The Council of Ministers also decides to make the funds required for commissioning pharmacies as rapid test centers available in the amount of EUR 41 million for a period of two months.

d. The state government is adhering to the tried and tested regular test obligation for employees in old people's and nursing homes, including facilities for the disabled. Because particularly vulnerable groups need special protection. From an incidence value of 100 in a rural district or a district-free city, the competent district administrative authority must therefore order regular series tests of the employees in these facilities (test at least twice a week).

2. On the basis of more tests and more vaccinations, the Council of Ministers supports the decision made by the Federal Chancellor and the heads of government of the federal states on March 3, 2021. The principle of "caution with perspective" also applies to all further opening steps. A new 12th Bavarian

Infection Protection Measures Ordinance (12th BayIfSMV) regulates the following with effect from March 8, 2021 and up to and including March 28, 2021:

a. Private contacts

The possibility of private get-togethers with friends, relatives and acquaintances will be extended again from March 8, 2021: private get-togethers between your own household and another household are now possible, but limited to a maximum of five people. In rural districts and urban districts with a 7-day incidence of less than 35 new infections per week, the possibilities for private get-togethers can be expanded to include your own and two other households with a maximum of ten people. This does not apply to children up to 14 years of age. If the 7-day incidence rises to over 100 on three consecutive days, the possibility of private get-togethers is again limited to one's own household and one other person from the second following working day (emergency brake). Children up to the age of 14 are not counted.

b. Opening perspectives

March 8, 2021

- After the first openings at schools, hairdressers and in individual other areas, bookshops will be included in the retail trade for daily needs from March 8, 2021. You can therefore also re-open one customer for every 20 m<sup>2</sup> for the first 800 m<sup>2</sup> of sales area with appropriate hygiene concepts and a limitation to one customer per 10 m<sup>2</sup>. Libraries, archives and libraries will be reopened under the same conditions.

c. March 8, 2021 at the earliest

Depending on the infection rate, from March 8, 2021, depending on the incidence, the following additional openings are possible:

As long as there is a stable 7-day incidence of less than 50 in a county and city, the following applies:

- Opening of the retail trade with a limit of one customer per 10 m<sup>2</sup> for the first 800 m<sup>2</sup> of retail space and one customer per 20 m<sup>2</sup> beyond this.
- Opening of museums, galleries, zoological and botanical gardens and memorials
- Non-contact sport in small groups (max. 10 people) outdoors, including on outdoor sports facilities.

As long as there is a stable 7-day incidence of 50 to 100 in a county and city, the following applies:

- Opening of the retail trade for appointment shopping offers ("Click & meet"), whereby one customer per 40 m<sup>2</sup> of sales area or part thereof can be admitted for a fixed, limited period of time with contact tracking after booking an appointment in advance.
- Opening of museums, galleries, zoological and botanical gardens and memorials to visitors with prior appointment and contact follow-up
- Individual sport for a maximum of 5 people from 2 households and sport in groups of up to twenty children up to 14 years of age in the outdoor area, including on outdoor sports facilities.

d. The following additional openings will be possible from March 22, 2021 at the earliest, depending on the infection rate:

As long as a 7-day incidence of less than 50 has existed for at least 14 days in a district or an independent city, the following applies:

- Opening of the outdoor catering
- Opening of theaters, concert and opera houses and cinemas
- Non-contact sport indoors, contact sport outdoors.

As long as there has been a 7-day incidence between 50 and 100 in a district or an independent city for at least 14 days, the following applies:

- Opening of the outdoor catering for visitors with prior appointment bookings in addition to the contact follow-up. If people from several households are sitting at the same table, a daily updated COVID-19 quick test or self-test of the table guests is required.
- Opening theaters, concert and opera houses and cinemas to visitors with a daily COVID-19 quick test or self-test.
- Contact-free sport indoors as well as contact sport outdoors, provided that all participants have a daily quick test or self-test.

e. Emergency brake: If the 7-day incidence rises above the relevant incidence value of 50 for the respective openings, the regulations for areas with a 7-day incidence below 100 apply. If the 7-day incidence exceeds 100, the regulations apply again the regulations that were in effect until March 7th, 2021.

f. The details of the openings are based on the framework concepts drawn up by the State Ministries for Economics, Regional Development and Energy, for Science and Art as well as for Digital and the Interior, for Sport and Integration in agreement with the State Ministry for Health and Care.

#### G. Future further opening steps

About further opening steps and the perspective for them not yet

Open areas from the gastronomy, culture, events, travel and hotels sectors will be in the light of the infection situation, taking into account the test strategy, vaccination, spread of virus mutants and other influencing factors at the end of March after the next meeting between the Chancellor and the heads of government of Countries to be decided.

#### H. Contact tracking - also electronically

For reasons of data protection, it is made clear that contact tracking can also take place in electronic form (e.g. using an app). Of course, in this case too, the time, place and availability of the contact persons must be precisely documented so that they can be passed on to the health authorities in the event of an infection.

#### i. Entry quarantine

The entry quarantine regulation will be extended up to and including March 28, 2021. The following changes apply to entry specifically from virus variant areas that are particularly at risk of infection:

- The quarantine period will be 14 days in the future (instead of the previous 10 days).
- The quarantine can no longer be shortened by early free testing (negative test on the fifth day after entry).

The other quarantine exceptions for entry from virus variant areas (especially for goods transport and systemically important cross-border commuters) remain unchanged.

j. The State Ministry of Health and Care is instructed to initiate the necessary legal changes.

### 3. Schools

In schools, depending on the occurrence of the infection, the principle “from switching to face-to-face teaching or from distance teaching to switching” applies.

Classes in schools will therefore take place starting March 15, 2021 in the following steps:

- If there is a 7-day incidence in a county and city under 50, all elementary school classes take place in classroom teaching.
- If the 7-day incidence is less than 100, alternating classes will take place at all other types of school in all grades as well as in primary schools over an incidence of more than 50.
- If there is a 7-day incidence in a county and city over 100, with the exception of the final classes, distance learning takes place.

To make it easier for the school family to plan, the respective type of lesson is determined for one school week, even if the incidence value changes during the school week.

### 4. Childcare facilities

In childcare facilities and day care centers, the following applies, depending on the incidence of infection: If the incidence is 7 days in a district or an urban district under 50, normal operation takes place, between 50 and 100 limited normal operation and over 100 emergency care.

### 5. Strengthening social contacts in old people's and nursing homes

Thanks to the significantly advanced vaccinations in old people's and nursing homes, more social contacts (visits by residents but also community events) can be made possible again in homes with a high vaccination rate, as soon as the vaccination protection takes full effect after the second vaccination in the respective facility. Hygiene and test concepts must continue to be implemented. The State Ministry of Health and Care will be instructed to report on this to the next Council of Ministers.