COVID-19 EU Briefing 11 May 2022

The new Weekly EU COVID-19 Briefing will include recent developments from the EU on treatments, vaccines and high-level announcements as well as important restrictions updates on a Member State level.

General EU Developments

European:

The European Commission has recognized the digital Covid-19 certificates of Indonesia,
Seychelles and Vietnam as equivalent to the EU COVID Certificates issued by authorities in EU countries.

International:

- Malta: With effect from 9 May, covid-19 restrictions related to travel will be relaxed, as countries will no longer be classified as Red or Dark Red. This also means that the need for pre-travel authorisation by the Superintendent of Public Health from countries that until now are on the dark red list will no longer be needed. Travel to the country will depend on the immunity status of a person, meaning that all travellers are required to present a vaccination, recovery, or test certificate to be permitted entry to Malta without having to follow any additional rules.
- Portugal: The country continues to require all passengers proof of vaccination, recovery or negative test before entering the country.

Domestic:

- **Cyprus:** A proposal to lift safe pass checks will be submitted next Tuesday since the numbers of Covid positive cases and hospitalizations are decreasing on a daily basis.
- Portugal: Portugal recorded the highest number of daily new covid-19 cases per million inhabitants, being now the EU country with the most confirmed cases. The daily average is 1,150 new cases per million inhabitants compared to the EU daily average of 447 new daily cases. Portuguese health experts have said a sixth wave could be on the horizon.
- Austria: Austria rejects relaxation of mask rules due to new covid variants BA.4 and BA.5, the Austrian government has decided to keep the recent measures in place.

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