COVID-19 EU Briefing 28 September 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

International:

• **Spain**: From October 20th, non-EU travellers arriving in Spain will no longer undergo health checks by airport officials to assess if they have Covid-19, sources from Spanish airport manager Aena are quoted as saying.

Domestic:

- **France**: The HAS health authority confirms its recommendation to administer an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to people at risk of developing a severe form of the disease, as well as to their families and healthcare professionals in the autumn
- **Greece**: Vulnerable groups and people over the age of 60 will likely be able to get vaccinated against Omicron's BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants in early October.
- **Belgium**: An average of 2,232 new daily infections were identified between 17-23 September, up by 21% from the previous week. Omicron BA.5 remains the dominant strain, accounting for 92.4% of all infections.
- **Hungary**: the fourth doses are popular as the vaccination uptake rose slightly and constituted 76% of the shots administered in the country in the last week.
- NL: RIVM has registered 12,269 positive tests in the previous seven days, the highest number since August 13 and a rise of 39% on the previous week. The institute stated that it is possible that the expected autumn wave has begun.
- **Slovenia**: the country introduced the new Pfizer vaccine that protects against Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5.

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