Germany’s Response to COVID-19

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The COVID-19 situation in Germany

Total case burden

~ 226 cases per 100,000 (total cases: ~190,000)

~ 6,000 active cases

~ 9,000 total deaths

A flattened curve over time – but ongoing local outbreaks

Large testing capacities

~ 1,000,000 PCR tests per week
Germany’s COVID-19 response phases

I. Awareness & monitoring
- Activating of contingency plans
- Intensifying disease surveillance
- Establishing a digital system monitoring ICU-beds capacity
- Setting up additional public hygiene campaigns
- Continuously communicating with international partners

II. Decisive action & lockdown

III. Stepwise easing of restrictions

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- Postponing elective surgeries
- Increasing ICU bed capacities
- Increasing testing capacity and supply of PPE
- Providing surge staff to local public health authorities
- Implementing a partial lockdown
- Amending legislation where necessary
- Intensifying risk communication
- Supporting international solidarity
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- Stepwise easing of restrictions
- Using a decentralised approach through federal state authorities
- Maintaining physical distancing
- Upholding specific hygiene measures
- Making the wearing of “community masks” in public transport and shops mandatory
We are still running the COVID-19 marathon…what’s next?

Supporting COVID-19 vaccine development and local PPE production

Enhancing digital solutions (CWA)

Strengthening local public health services

Promoting a process of national and international lessons learned

Germany’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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Thank you for your attention!
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