



PANDEMIC SITUATION IN SWITZERLAND (ON FEB 12TH 2021)

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CURRENT NUMBERS OF THE SARS-COV-2 PANDEMIC

- During the last 2 weeks 18756 new cases, 217/100.000 inhabitants
- Death rate 3.3/100.000 inhabitants
- Reproductive number : 0.89

- 2 deaths < 10 years of age since the beginning of the pandemic
- Hospitalization rate is at least two times higher in the age group 0-9 than in the group of 10-18 years
- 14% of all positive tests in the age group 0-9 y since the beginning of testing were registered during the last two weeks, versus 5% of the age group 10-18

but: testing in age group 0-9 has significantly increased since January only.

British and South African variants increased by 60% compared to the week before. Of all mutations the British variant dominates with 42% (South African 1.7%).

HISTORY SINCE MARCH 2020

- State of emergency (with lockdown) : March 16th - June 9th 2020
- Schools were closed from March 16th – May 11th, since then depending on the decision of the cantonal (regional) governments.
- Ever since: discordance and multiple opinions and discussions between the Swiss cantons about the pandemic measures in general and pandemic school management in particular. Cultural, restaurants are shut down again since December, work from home is being strongly advised and encouraged, whereas skiing resorts are mostly open (despite strong opposition from medical advisers and hospitals) and schools always stayed open since May 2020. In case of school closure : first the colleges, secondary and high schools.

PCPs, TESTING, VACCINATION

- During the first weeks of lockdown PCP were supposed to see only:
 - I) emergencies and
 - II) well-being controls until 6 years of age.

TESTING : all PCR tests are for free now for all age groups (as long as there are symptoms)

Tests are being executed in Corona test centers, e.g. outside hospitals, in pharmacies, public buildings or in doctor's offices.

VACCINATION: until now only Moderna and Pfizer/Biontech vaccines have been certified and are being vaccinated in vaccination centers (following a priority group system). Until Feb, 10th almost 2.8% of the population had been vaccinated (5.5 doses / 100 inhabitants)