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Dank je 5.1.2e

Dat Hongarije via EU weg onvoldoende vaccins zou hebben in juni, komt niet overeen met hun mededeling dat ze via EU weg alles kopen wat mogelijk is.

In kwartaal 2 moeten er miljoenen beschikbaar komen.

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Onderwerp: ter info - mhoo discussie over 'prik-paspoort': Hongarije

Gov't to introduce certificate of coronavirus immunity

The government will issue documents certifying immunity to the coronavirus to those who are inoculated against the disease or have recovered from it, Prime Minister's Office leader Gergely Gulyás, announced yesterday (11/2). The documents will record the date of the second vaccination. For those who have recovered after treatment in hospital, the day of discharge is the significant date. Others who have had the disease and have a paper certifying that the antibody is in their system are also entitled to this document.

In the latter two cases, the document will be valid for four months.

The government has not decided yet what benefits this document will 5.1.2e upon its holder.

=> dit komt overeen met wat Sherpa Janos Boka twee weken geleden zei: laten we beginnen met een 'paspoort' goed om nu met registreren te beginnen, later kunnen we besluiten waarvoor we het paspoort gebruiken, anderen zullen ons voorgaan (waaronder C en RF).

(en de EU is te langzaam)

Concerning the vaccines, Gulyás said that although Hungary had taken advantage of all the opportunities offered by the EU, delivery is slow. Next week, 500,000 Chinese vaccines will arrive.

He said the number of people who have registered to be vaccinated exceeds two million. That many people could be inoculated by the end of March if all the vaccines that have already been reserved arrive, he continued, but more than four million may need to be vaccinated, so it is unlikely that everyone will be inoculated before May. If Hungary relied only on EU procurement, then it would certainly not be possible to vaccinate everyone who needs it by the end of July, he added.

Each dose of the Chinese vaccine costs more than Ft 10,000, while the Russian vaccine costs Ft 5,700, but according to Gulyas, money is not relevant.

Those over the age of 60 and not suffering from any illness can be inoculated with the Russian Sputnik V vaccine at four vaccination centres in Budapest from Thursday.

Those who do not wish to be inoculated with the vaccine offered will be notified by their doctor as soon as another vaccine is available.

Government members will be vaccinated after the inoculation of those aged over 60.



Hungary to sign with China on COVID-19 vaccines today or tomorrow - Orbán Portfolio

With Chinese and Russian vaccines we could be in a different position than we are now by Easter, Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán told public radio MR1 in his regular weekly interview on Friday. When and how restrictions may be lifted could be on the government's agenda by March or April, he added.

Vaccines are the key

The pandemic raised issues that are local and require decisions to be made on a national level. It matters the least what international organisations say, said Orbán. He added he also wants to see the end of it [restrictions] but for now caution is warranted.

We don't know if there will be enough vaccines and how a third wave will hit us therefore we must not think we can forget about restrictions, said the PM.

What if restaurant owners break lockown rules?

Asked about the outcry of the hospitality industry and an increasing number of restaurant owners announcing they would reopen after 1 February despite lockdown rules, Orbán warned Believe me, it's not worth it!

He said he had asked the police not to arrest the offenders and that if there's no violence involved consider such cases as misdemeanors. He also warned that in a pandemic situation such actions put lives at risk. The PM reminded that at a government meeting on Wednesday they had decided to speed up the transfer of support to the sector, but highlighted that offenders will be fined between HUF 150,000 and HUF 1 million and the restaurant committing the violation will be closed for six months at first and then for a year.

The key issue of the economy is called vaccine, said Orbán. Over the past 24 hours, Hungarian authorities diagnosed 1,459 people with coronavirus infection and 83 people have succumbed to the disease. (The official government portal is to publish more detailed figures later in the morning.) The PM said vaccination is progressing well and they're already down with health care workers. REGISTRATION-BASED VACCINATION IS TO KICK OFF EARLY NEXT WEEK, HE ADDED.

Orbán noted that up to date some two million Hungarians registered to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Portfolio comment:

This is quite a low number in a country a population of ten million, particularly considering the low, albeit rising, willingness to get the shots. While the cabinet is working on the procurement of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine and Chinese vaccines, these are the ones that are mistrusted the most in Hungary. And trust is unlikely to be boosted by actions such as the most recent amendment of a government decree that <u>circumvents the National Institute fo Pharmacy and Nutrition (OGYÉI)</u> to authorise the use of a vaccine by China's Sinopharm.

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