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SPECIAL REPORT
CORONAVIRUS

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SERBIA

One death, 57 new cases
Dnevnik
Since the last report, 57 new cases of coronavirus infection were registered in Serbia, and one more person died. 5,085 people were tested. Since the beginning of the epidemic, 12,367 cases were registered in total. 308,013 people have been tested in total since the beginning of the epidemic. There were 551 active cases in Serbia yesterday, and 15 patients were on ventilators. Total number of deaths since the beginning of the epidemic is 255. Fatality rate is 2.06%.

Brnabić: Belgrade citizens became too relaxed, a call issued to citizens to spend their Summer vacation in Serbia
Tanjug
The Prime Minister Ana Brnabić stated last night that the epidemiological situation in Serbia is favourable and that currently most new infection cases are located in Belgrade, Tutin and Novi Pazar. However, she noticed that the people of Belgrade behave as if the virus did not even exist, that they are very relaxed and do not respect the recommended protective measures. Speaking on Happy TV’s Ćirilica show, Brnabić said that the good thing is that the medical team and the government continue to work together and keep things under control in order to be ready for a possible second wave of the virus.

People need to wear masks at polling places
Fonet
Epidemiologist Darija Kisić Tepavčević said that a person is at risk of contracting coronavirus when they have a contact with an infected person in a closed space for longer than 15 minutes, without wearing a mask. When asked about the elections, Kisić Tepavčević said that “the upcoming event does not fit into this definition in any way”. She said that people should wear masks on their way to the polling place and inside the polling place, and that gloves are not that important and they cannot substitute washing your hands.

Donation of pulse oximeters
Večernje novosti
WHO has donated more than 3,400 pulse oximeters to healthcare institutions in Serbia. These devices measure the saturation of oxygen in your blood, which is important for monitoring Covid-19 patients. Pulse oximeters were procured with USAID funds, and they are worth USD 143,000. With the support of USAID, and with the help of WHO, Serbia received 6,500 PCR tests and 200 oxygen concentrators.
MONTENEGRO

Another case of coronavirus infection, in Budva
pobjeda.me
34 people were tested for the coronavirus yesterday, and one new case of infection was registered in Budva, who was in BiH several days before showing symptoms (dry cough, high temperature), the Institute of Public Health stated. The Institute added that the epidemiological analysis of the case and identification of contacts is currently ongoing. Total number of coronavirus infections in Montenegro is 326.

NKT: New criteria for entry of foreign nationals by Friday
Mina
In accordance with the requirements of our tourism-based economy and the country’s strategic interest, it was decided during last night’s session of the National Coordination Body (NKT) for contagious diseases that the policy of reopening Montenegro should be complemented with new criteria that is to be proposed by the Institute of Public Health, and the NKT will adopt them by Friday, June 19, at the latest. With this, foreign nationals who do not carry a high epidemiological risk will be allowed entry into Montenegro. NKT studied the working documents of the already created Operational Staff for monitoring the epidemiological situation during the tourist season with the goal being the complete readiness of all government bodies and the tourism sector for Montenegro’s entry into a new phase of reopening, while preserving a stable epidemiological situation.

Urgently set a date for reopening borders
Pobjeda
Representatives of the tourism sector are demanding that dates for reopening borders for countries that are not on the list of those currently meeting epidemiological criteria are set urgently. Countries which are on the list should not be removed for at least 30 days, with continuous monitoring of the epidemiological situation, it was stated during a session of the Board of the Association of Tourism and Hospitality of the Chamber of Economy. It is also asked for amending standing regulations and including the category “permanent seasonal worker”, for the purpose of preserving jobs, and considering the uncertainty when it comes to the scope and duration of the coronavirus pandemic’s consequences. Representatives also asked for continuing activities of promoting Montenegro as a destination which has successfully overcome the coronavirus epidemic, with the goal of creating better conditions for the tourist season during under these uncertain circumstances.
**BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA**

**Number of infected crosses 3,000**

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According to the latest information, 3,048 people are currently infected with coronavirus in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the past 24 hours, 327 samples were tested at the Clinical Center of the University of Sarajevo (KCUS). As confirmed by KCUS, 15 people are positive for coronavirus, of which seven are retested people from Tešanj. Six newly infected people are from Sarajevo and one each from Tešanj and Travnik.

**Two deaths recorded within Federation**

RTRS

A patient who was confirmed to have coronavirus died yesterday in Sanski Most. This is the second death yesterday in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Earlier, an elderly man from Živinice, who was confirmed to be infected with coronavirus, died at the University Clinical Center in Tuzla.

**Cvijanović: Caution and protective measures remain in force**

Srna

Republika Srpska President Željka Cvijanović said that no one can be optimistic when it comes to the increase in the number of people infected with the coronavirus, and that there is a problem and that precautionary and protection measures will certainly have to be in force for some time. Cvijanovic pointed out that the fact is that the institutions will be ready to respond to all possible challenges in case of expansion of the infection. "We don't know how things will unfold in the future, whether there will be a second wave or not, but it is important that the institutions have learned many lessons in the previous period, especially our health sector, and I am sure they will be able to adequately cope if and there will be another wave or expansion of the infection ", Cvijanović emphasized.

**CROATIA**

**Two new cases in the last 24 hours**

koronavirus.hr

There are currently a total of 2,254 people infected with coronavirus and two new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours. 2,140 people have recovered. There are no patients on ventilators. 107 people died. So far, a total of 70,254 people have been tested, and 144 in the last 24 hours.

**Development of small and medium-sized enterprises is essential**

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The situation in the economy after the coronavirus pandemic, but also the situation in the Government, which had the Agrokor-related issue, is the topic that most preoccupies economic experts in Croatia today. It is stated that this is the shortest recession recorded, but also the deepest. The basic question is how quickly the economy will recover. Experts state that Croatia is trade-related to the EU, so it will share the fate of the European trade bloc. But Croatia has a tourism sector and if you look at the balance of payments then it is at 18% of GDP, and if you look at added value then it is about 11% of GDP.
SLOVENIA

Number of infected is 1,496
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According to the latest available information, the number of people infected with the new coronavirus in Slovenia is 1,496. The number of deaths from the Covid-19 virus is 109 people, and a total of 88,966 people have been tested so far.

Solidarity necessary
sta.si
After the coronavirus pandemic, the European Union needs quick action based on solidarity, flexibility and specifics of individual countries, said Development Minister Zvone Černač during a video conference of EU ministers in charge of cohesion policy, who discussed the role of cohesion policy in repairing the damage done by coronavirus.

A pupil’s sample came back positive for coronavirus in Nova Gorica
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An elementary school student from Nova Gorica is positive for coronavirus. The school adheres to all preventive measures, so the entire 5th grade, in which the infected student is, together with the class teacher, had been placed in a 14-day quarantine at home, which means that the school year is over for them. Meanwhile, Maribor schoolchildren who are in quarantine after the reopening of schools in Slovenia are coming to an end. Students and the teacher will be able to return to school on Tuesday.

NORTH MACEDONIA

103 new cases recorded and five deaths
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In the last 24 hours, 841 people have been tested, and 103 new cases of Covid-19 have been registered, while 5 patients died. The total number of patients since the beginning of the epidemic is 4,157, the number of recovered patients is 1,723, the number of deaths is 193, and currently the number of active cases in the country is 2,241.

State Secretary and four employees at the Ministry of Interior placed in self-isolation
novatv.mk
Five people, including the State Secretary at the Ministry of the Interior (Magdalena Nestorovska), are being placed in self-isolation at home for 14 days, and the remaining 62 respondents are returning to work regarding the measures, as it was approved yesterday that two people employed at the buffet within the first building within the Ministry of the Interior are positive for coronavirus. The Ministry of Internal Affairs informed that during yesterday, the epidemiological team of the Institute of Public Health, based on the list of all employees who had contact with these two workers, conducted an epidemiological research with 67 people.
KOSOVO – media in Albanian language

Kosovo confirms over 600 positive cases
zeri.info
From February 8 to June 15, samples of 18,915 individuals that met the case definition criteria were tested at the Laboratory for Molecular Microbiology of the National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo (NIPHK), by RT-PCR method, of which 1,615 were positive. According to the latest data, 963 have recovered so far, implying that there are currently 619 active cases in Kosovo. According to the latest information, a lot of new cases were recorded in one day yesterday, and that led to the NIPHK urging citizens to respect all the recommendations, otherwise the country risks returning to a state of emergency.

22 individuals in intensive care unit, take oxygen therapy
koha.net
According to the latest data, 22 out of 43 people who are at the Clinic for Infectious Diseases with Covid-19 are in intensive care and oxygen therapy. According to the report of the Clinic for Infectious Diseases, one patient is still in a critical condition and on ventilatory support. The increase in the number of infected people in the last days in the whole of Kosovo, according to the director of NIPHK, is due to the fact that the citizens did not follow the recommendations of the health workers.

The option of quarantine is not ruled out in Priština due to increase in the number of infected
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From June 1 to Monday, June 15, 132 people tested positive for coronavirus in Priština, while from March 20 to May 31, there were a total of 85 cases. The director of the Health Directorate in the Municipality of Prishtina, Bujar Gashi, said that so far there have never been more than 30 active coronavirus cases at any given moment. Gashi also spoke about managing the situation with coronavirus, saying that they are ready for each new wave. He does not rule out the possibility of an increase in coronavirus cases in Priština, and thus does not rule out the possibility of quarantine.

ALBANIA

Number of infected is 1,590
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According to the latest available information, the number of people infected with the new coronavirus in Albania is 1,590. The number of deaths from the Covid-19 virus is 36, and a total of 18,569 people have been tested so far.

EU donates aid to Albania
exit.al
The European Union (EU) has donated 5 ambulances, 15 mobile ventilators and more than 100 specialized medical units to treat severe coronavirus cases to the Albanian government. This is the second part of EU aid to hospitals in the country in support of the fight against coronavirus.
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