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Country Report for FEMS of Spain (MAY 4, 2021)

A few days before the Government raises the current State of Alarm - in an extended manner - in the last six months, the situation in Spain is focused on the important vaccination campaign, which will undoubtedly define the evolution of the pandemic in the coming months.

Just beginning in May, the figures indicate, broadly speaking, that the so-called third wave has been left behind, which has led to Christmas and has again led administrations to take steps to limit social contact by the growth and saturation of care services. According to official data from the Ministry of Health, as of 3 May, coronavirus cases detected in the last 14 days amount to 106,163, a cumulative incidence of 223.75 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, figures close to December.

The situation also varies by autonomous communities, currently the Basque Country has the highest cumulative incidence with 496.91 cases per 100,000 inhabitants in the last 14 days (followed by Madrid, Melilla and Navarra with 368, 347 and 332 cases, respectively), while at the other end is Valencian Community, with 42.97 cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

Regarding the vaccination campaign that began at the end of December, there are also significant differences between the territories. The Ministry of Health's activity report up to 2 May indicates that a total of 17,610,225 doses have been delivered, and 17,130,598 doses have been administered, so there are a total of 5,098,903 people with their full pattern, representing 10.7% of the population (25.6% have at least one dose set).

In this regard, it should be noted that the vaccination campaign has been conditioned by problems with the supply of vaccines, differences in application criteria, interruptions in dose administration, including different criteria between autonomous communities and problems arising from decisions at European level. The lack of a unified criterion within the European Union about the application of vaccines and age ranges, as well as on possible adverse effects, has ended up generating some climate of mistrust on the part of citizens in the face of the lack of transparency and uniformity of the authorities.

As for the health news, in the coming months will end its period of Specialized Health Training a new promotion of resident doctors, which is a good opportunity for different administrations to hire professionals who can reinforce the templates already diminished for years. In this sense, from CESM we have sued health managers who do not miss this opportunity and make an effort to offer attractive



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contracts to these professionals and do not end up leaving our borders to work in other countries, thus covering the theoretical shortfall in human resources.

Similarly, we are aware of the date of choice of place for the new resident promotion, which you should choose at the end of May/early June. In addition to some discontent with the telematics method of doing the choice and the mistakes given by the computer tool, which we have already denounced, we have insisted to the Ministry to try to ensure that the incorporation of this new promotion takes place as soon as possible. And that the period between the ones who ends of this year and that the new professionals enter in not longer than necessary.

Finally, since CESM we have once again demanded that the contagion of COVID in doctors must be considered as professional disease on a permanent basis to ensure adequate protection for professionals. And we continue to remind both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Public Service of the need to address the high eventuality rate that exists in several Autonomous Communities. To comply with Europe's mandate and prevent this high number of temporality from being repeated in the future, immediate solutions must be sought that CESM has continued to demand.