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Subject: COVID-19 – preparations for a second wave

Since the end of 2019, a growing number of people worldwide have been affected by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. It has also indicated that we must now prepare for the highly likely eventuality of a second wave.

In recent weeks, we have witnessed a progressive increase in the number of COVID-19 infections in the EU, which could indicate the start of a second wave, compounding the onset of the usual influenza season.

In view of this:

1. What additional mechanisms are being envisaged by the Commission to contain the increase in SARS-CoV-2 infections that has been registered in recent weeks?
2. What is being done to reduce the risks of a twin COVID-19 and influenza epidemic and the impact thereof on the health services?
3. What cross-cutting strategy has the Commission been preparing to implement in response to a potential second wave and how is it coordinating this strategy with the Member States?