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COVID 19 Measures - Latest Update

Against the background of a fourth Covid 19 wave in Europe, certain measures, due to expire, have been extended.

German measures

- According to a decision taken at the video conference between the (still) Federal Chancellor, Angela Merkel, and the heads of government of the Federal States, the Federal Government will **extend** the Bridging Assistance III Plus - "Überbrückungshilfe III Plus" - (including the restart assistance - "Neustarthilfe") and the regulations on furlough (short-time work - "Kurzarbeit" -) **by three months until March 31, 2022** .
- In addition, the Federal Government will work with the States to develop further measures to support **Advent and Christmas Markets** particularly affected by Corona protection measures, which will be administered by the States.
- In addition, reference is made to the continuing possibility for affected trading businesses to apply for assistance within the framework of the Bridging Assistance III Plus plan, in relation to **unsellable seasonal goods**.

EU measures

- The European Commission has decided to extend its **temporary framework for state aid** to support the economy, which would have originally expired on December 31, 2021, **until June 30, 2022**

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