

Annex 2¹

Timeline of the key events in the spread of the new coronavirus infection in 2021

	Date	Event ²
	01.01 	France tightens containment measures in a number of regions (in particular, the duration of the curfew).
	02.01 	Norway lifts the ban on air traffic with the UK and resumes air travel.
	02.01	Russia launches a service that allows the individuals vaccinated against the coronavirus to receive vaccination certificates.
	03.01 	India approves the use of the Covaxin vaccine (Bharat Biotech).
	04.01 	India approves the use of AstraZeneca AZD1222 vaccine (ChAdOx1 nCoV-19).
	04.01 	The UK introduces a seven-week-long lockdown. Schools are shut until mid-February in response to a sharp morbidity increase. All non-food stores are shut from January 4. The UK Joint Biosafety Center raises the national alert level to 5.
	04.01	Public catering establishments in St. Petersburg that have been temporarily shut from December 30, now can stay open from 6:00 to 23:00.
	04.01	The procedure for receiving subsidies to cover housing and amenities costs without filing an application is extended until April 1.
	06.01	Mordovia launches vaccination against coronavirus for individuals over 65 years of age.
	07.01 	Japan: a state of emergency is declared in the Greater Tokyo area after reports of a record surge in the number of new infections.
	07.01	Buryatia introduces a mandatory COVID-19 test for visitors.
	07.01	In St. Petersburg, theaters reopen.
	08.01 	London is on high alert in response to a rapid spread of the coronavirus.
	08.01 	Cyprus tightens containment measures for three weeks to curb the spread of the coronavirus. People may leave their homes twice a day if necessary, and are not allowed to go out without a significant reason.

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2 Event category:  – events related to the health care sector, sanitary and epidemiological measures;  – events related to the economic sphere;  – events related to the social sphere and information coverage;  – events related to the management sphere;  – global-scale events or those happening outside Russia.

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	10.01	The first case of infection with the British variant of the coronavirus is detected in the RF.
	11.01	Schools in the Ivanovo, Sverdlovsk, Samara, Pskov and some other regions switch back to the traditional full-time learning format.
	12.01 	China extends containment measures to the provinces near Beijing after a spike in new infection cases.
	12.01 	New Zealand's new border rules: all travelers (except those from Australia, Antarctica and several Pacific island nations) are required to test negative for COVID-19.
	12.01 	Malaysia declares a nationwide state of emergency until August 1 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 spread and the political crisis. Parliament is suspended, elections are canceled, the government may pass laws without parliamentary approval.
	12.01	The temporary restriction on air traffic between Russia and the UK is extended until February 1.
	13.01 	Based on phase 1 and 2 results, the efficacy and safety of the Ad26.COV2.S vaccine (Johnson and Johnson) is confirmed, the trial report is published in The New England Journal of Medicine.
	13.01 	Italy extends the state of emergency until the end of April.
	13.01 	Armenia allows the entry of foreigners who test negative for COVID-19.
	13.01 	Switzerland tightens containment measures in response to the threat of new coronavirus strains: remote work mode is mandatory; non-food stores are shut, the protection of vulnerable persons in their workplace is strengthened.
	13.01 	Norway requires that everyone who enters the country should take a coronavirus test at the border.
	13.01 	The Sputnik V vaccine is registered in Venezuela.
	13.01 	Brazil starts manufacturing and administering the Sputnik V vaccine.
	14.01 	The results of phase 3 of the Chinese Ad5-nCov vaccine trial demonstrate that 92.5% of Russian volunteers have developed high antibody titers without serious adverse reactions.
	15.01 	New Zealand: all travelers from the UK and the USA are required to take a test for COVID-19 before entering the country.
	17.01 	Austria extends the lockdown period until February 7.
	18.01	Russia launches a mass coronavirus vaccination campaign.
	18.01	Across all Russian regions, schools switch back to the traditional full-time learning format (including high school).
	18.01 	Turkmenistan registers the Sputnik V vaccine within the framework of an accelerated procedure, without additional clinical trials.
	20.01 	Germany extends the lockdown period to February 14. The ban on meetings of more than two families continues, schools are shut, employers switch over their staff to remote work, the face mask wearing regime is tightened.
	21.01 	In Malaysia, restaurants, food courts and delivery services may operate only until 22:00. Restrictions on movement between some regions are imposed.

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	21.01 	Hungary and the UAE register the Sputnik V vaccine.
	22.01	Moscow reopens museums, libraries and other cultural institutions; colleges, extracurricular educational establishments, sports schools and children's recreation centers resume their routine schedule; the restrictions on the operation of cafes, bars and restaurants are left in place.
	24.01 	All EU travelers are required to take tests for COVID-19 not earlier than 72 hours before entering France.
	24.01	The Yamalo-Nenets autonomous national area lifts the mandatory stay-at-home regime for those risk group individuals who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or display antibodies thereto.
	25.01 	The Moderna mRNA-1273 vaccine is shown to induce neutralizing antibodies against the British (B.1.1.7) and South African (B.1.351) variants of SARS-CoV-2.
	25.01 	An intermediate data analysis in the course of Oxford University PRINCIPLE study demonstrates that azithromycin and doxycycline produce no positive effect in patients over 50 years of age who are treated at home with either of the two antibiotics in the early stages of COVID-19 infection.
	25.01 	On their arrival in Singapore, all travelers (including citizens of Singapore and foreigners with a permanent residence permit) are required to take a PCR test for COVID-19.
	26.01 	The WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization issues interim recommendations for the use of the Moderna vaccine. The recommendations include administering two doses 28 days apart. The interval can be extended up to 42 days depending on the epidemiological situation in a given country. The experts also advise against administering the vaccine to pregnant women, unless they are healthcare workers or otherwise at high risk of getting infected.
	26.01 	All air passengers flying to the USA from overseas must provide a negative COVID-19 test result or a certificate of recovery from the novel coronavirus infection.
	26.01 	Iran registers the Sputnik V vaccine.
	26.01	Rb2 bn is allocated to the State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology VECTOR for the production of EpiVacCorona, a peptide-based vaccine against the coronavirus.
	27.01	Russia resumes air traffic with Vietnam, India, Finland, and Qatar.
	27.01	In Moscow, the requirement that not less than 30% of employees should be switched over to remote work becomes recommendatory instead of mandatory.
	27.01	A decree is signed concerning increased advance payments under government contracts in 2021. In 2021, the companies participating in government procurement projects can receive up to 50% of the contract price as an advance payment.
	28.01	In Karelia, individuals over 65 of age are allowed to visit cafes, restaurants, sports clubs and swimming pools; from February 1, schools, colleges and technical schools switch back to the traditional full-time learning format.
	29.01 	The phase 3 clinical trial of the single-component Ad26.COV2.S vaccine (Johnson and Johnson) demonstrates 66% and 85% efficacy in preventing a moderate and severe course of COVID-19, respectively, and complete protection against hospitalization and death within 28 days after vaccination.

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	29.01	In the Chukotka autonomous national area, the stay-at-home regime is lifted for those residents over 65 years of age who have been vaccinated against the coronavirus; enterprises resume nighttime operation.
	 30.01	Singapore suspends its air traffic agreements with Malaysia, Germany and South Korea in response to a global surge in infections and the emergence of new variants of the virus.
	 31.01	Belgium, until March 1, bans all holiday and tourist travel (both in- and outbound).
	 31.01	Peru launches a lockdown. In 10 regions, the capital including, retail outlets are shut until February 14, residents are not allowed to leave their homes unless absolutely necessary; churches are shut.
	31.01	Rb68.5 bn is allocated to the Social Security Fund to cover the payment of temporary disability benefits in H1 2021.
	 01.02	Visitors arriving in Singapore are required to purchase travel insurance to cover the medical and hospitalization costs associated with COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of not less than \$22,600.
	 01.02	The lockdown regime in Israel is extended until February 5.
	01.02	The Novgorod region lifts restrictions on the operation of bars and restaurants.
	 01.02	In Italy, the majority of regions lift some of their containment measures: bars and restaurants are allowed to stay open until 18:00; museums and historical architecture sites reopen.
	02.02	Russia extends the temporary ban on air traffic with the UK until February 16.
	 04.02	A number of the Persian Gulf countries (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Omar) tighten containment measures.
	04.02	A resolution on automatic renewal of licenses in 2021 is signed.
	 06.02	Cuba introduces a quarantine for visitors from abroad.
	 08.02	Belgium begins to gradually ease containment measures: recreation areas and campsites reopen; from January 13, zoos and hairdressers have reopened; from March 1, services involving close personal contact are to reopen, etc.
	 08.02	Austria gradually eases containment measures: schools, retail outlets, hairdressers and museums reopen.
	08.02	Russian universities switch back to the traditional full-time learning format.
	08.02	Practically all the containment measures introduced in the Moscow region are lifted.
	 09.02	Pakistan registers the Sputnik V vaccine.
	 10.02	Malaysia: the 28-day ban on the operation of non-food stores is lifted.
	 11.02	Until February 25, entry into Latvia for unimportant reasons from all EU countries, the European Economic Area, Switzerland, and the UK is prohibited.
	 12.02	The AZD1222 vaccine (ChAdOx1 nCoV-19) does not show protection against mild-to-moderate infection caused by the South African variant of SARS-CoV-2 (B.1.351).

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	12.02 	Montenegro and Kazakhstan register the Sputnik V vaccine.
	12.02 	Italy tightens containment measures: the ban on movement between regions remains, some regions are designated as orange zones (bars, restaurants, museums are shut there).
	12.02	In Udmurtia, the face mask wearing regime becomes recommendatory.
	12.02 	Belarus approves the administration of the Sputnik V vaccine to individuals over 60 years of age.
	15.02	Russia resumes regular air traffic with Azerbaijan and Armenia on a reciprocal basis.
	15.02	The Nizhny Novgorod region partially lifts the ban on nighttime operation of cafes and restaurants; attractions, water parks, children's entertainment centers and food courts in shopping centers are allowed to reopen. The permitted occupancy of theater and cinema halls is increased from 40% to 60%, and all capacity restrictions for sporting events are lifted. In the Omsk region, spectators are allowed to attend sporting events, the occupancy of cinemas and sports halls is increased from 50% to 75%. From February 12, the region also lifts the ban on nighttime operation of clubs, bars and restaurants, and it is also allowed to reopen children's entertainment centers in shopping malls. The Amur region lifts the restrictions on opening hours and occupancy for cafes and restaurants, nightclubs and karaoke halls are allowed to reopen, the ban on sporting events is lifted, and the mandatory stay-at-home regime for people over 65 years of age is canceled. In Rostov-on-Don, food courts and ice rinks reopen, the stands at sporting events and cinema halls can be filled up to 50% of their capacity. In Khabarovsk Krai, the mandatory stay-at-home regime for elderly people is lifted.
	16.02	Bashkortostan lifts the mandatory hand glove wearing regime for retail outlets and banks.
	18.02 	Armenia approves the use of the Sputnik V vaccine in its territory.
	20.02	Russia registers its third CoviVac vaccine.
	20.02	The Novosibirsk region lifts the occupancy restrictions for theaters and stadiums.
	21.02 	Israel opens its trade centers, hotels, gyms, shops and cultural sites for vaccinated individuals.
	22.02 	Estonia introduces new containment measures against the spread of the coronavirus (cancellation of group classes in schools, switch-over to remote learning, occupancy restrictions for the catering sector).
	24.02 	Canada: Toronto extends the ban on mass gatherings until July 1.
	24.02 	Egypt registers the Sputnik V vaccine.
	25.02 	New restrictions in Estonia: remote learning mode for schools until the end of March, a ban on indoor events, catering establishments are required to close at 18:00.
	26.02 	Canada approves the use of AstraZeneca AZD1222 vaccine (ChAdOx1 nCoV-19).
	26.02 	Moldova registers the Sputnik V vaccine.

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	27.02 	The single-dose Ad26.COVID.2.S vaccine (Johnson and Johnson) is approved for emergency use in the USA.
	27.02	Russia approves a new relief package for entrepreneurs. It includes the new preferential loan program "FOT 3.0", to which Rb7.7 bn is allocated.
	28.02	In Yamal, the mandatory stay-at-home regime for elderly people is extended until March 31.
	01.03 	In Finland, a state of emergency is introduced: in some areas, movement is restricted, and people are allowed to go out only to a pharmacy or grocery store.
	01.03 	The Czech Republic tightens containment measures: people are not allowed to leave their districts, except to travel to work or care for relatives; kindergartens and schools are shut, similarly to all retail outlets except for grocery stores.
	01.03 	Georgia resumes transportation traffic with Russia, on condition of a negative test for the coronavirus.
	05.03 	All visitors arriving in Turkey by land, air or sea are required to present the negative result of a PCR test taken 72 hours before their arrival, the requirement is established until April 15.
	05.03	The Government of the Russian Federation recommends that employers prioritize the switchover of employees aged 65+ years to remote work.
	05.03 	Iraq registers the Sputnik V vaccine.
	07.03	Perm Krai lifts the restrictions on nighttime operation of catering establishments.
	08.03	The stay-at-home regime for elderly people in the city of Moscow becomes recommendatory.
	08.03 	Tunisia shortens the quarantine period for foreign tourists from seven to two days.
	10.03 	Kenya and Morocco approve the use of the Sputnik V vaccine.
	11.03 	The NVX-CoV2373 vaccine (Novavax) demonstrates 100% and 96.4% protection against severe and moderate infection caused by the normal strain, respectively; and 55.4% protection in the regions where B.1.351 prevails.
	11.03 	The EU approves the use of the Sputnik V vaccine.
	11.03 	Estonia tightens containment measures: all educational establishments switch over to remote learning, all retail outlets (except for convenience and grocery stores) and catering establishments are shut. A temporary ban is imposed on indoor sports, movement on the streets is restricted.
	12.03 	South Korea extends its current social distancing measures until March 28.
	12.03	The Voronezh region cancels the mandatory stay-at-home regime for elderly people.
	12.03	The government extends until the end of 2021 the relief measures for businesses trading in excisable goods. These are hotels, cafes and restaurants that have suffered losses because of the situation with the coronavirus.
	12.03	Khabarovsk Krai allows mass events for up to 100 people.

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	13.03	2.7 billion rubles allocated to regions to provide free medicines for patients with coronavirus infection.
	13.03	The government launches additional measures to help unemployed citizens in finding a job.
	14.03	Kalmykia extends containment measures until April 11.
	15.03 	Italy tightens containment measures: all schools, restaurants, shops and museums are shut until April 4. Besides, any region inside the country with more than 250 cases per 100,000 population is designated as a red zone with the highest epidemiological danger.
	15.03	Kaliningrad lifts all restrictions on the operations of catering businesses.
	16.03	Russia extends the temporary ban on air traffic with the UK until April 16.
	16.03	Yakutia reopens recreation parks and attractions, on condition of compliance with social distancing and the face mask wearing regime. Besides, the capacity limit for cinemas and theaters is increased to 75%.
	17.03 	Iceland permits entry into the country for vaccinated tourists without a coronavirus test or a mandatory quarantine.
	18.03 	Bulgaria introduces a 10-day lockdown: schools, restaurants, theaters, shopping centers, gyms and casinos are shut. Festive events are allowed for groups of not more than 15 people.
	20.03	Foreign students from the epidemiologically safe countries are allowed to return to Russia.
	22.03 	According to US clinical trials, AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine is 79% effective in preventing symptomatic illness, and 100% effective in preventing severe illness and hospitalization.
	22.03 	Japan lifts the state of emergency in the Tokyo metropolitan area, which is the last remaining area of the country to have enforced it since early January.
	23.03 	The quarantine in The Netherlands is extended for one more month.
	24.03 	Germany extends the lockdown regime for three more weeks.
	26.03	The regions have received more than Rb3.5 bn for additional financing of hospitals and outpatient institutions operating under the compulsory medical insurance system.
	28.03	The government approves an algorithm for interagency cooperation in the event of the spread of dangerous infections.
	30.03 	WHO releases a report on the investigation into the coronavirus pandemic's origin. It notes that a lab leak is unlikely, and the virus was probably transmitted through an intermediate animal to humans. Some countries express their doubts as to the study being unbiased.
	30.03 	Spain's government tightens the face mask wearing regime, all citizens from the age of 6 years are required to wear face masks, including on the street, in beach areas and other open spaces, even if it is possible to maintain the required sanitary distance there.

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	30.03	The government approves a decree on the possibility of receiving the results of tests for COVID-19 through the public services portal.
	31.03	The findings from the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine trials show that it is 100% effective in children aged 12 to 15 years.
	31.03	The government approves temporary rules for the issuance of sick leave certificates and the related amount of remuneration. The citizens aged 65+ years who are staying at home due to the coronavirus infection may extend their electronic sick leaves until May 1.
	31.03	France shuts all schools and extends the curfew throughout its territory.
	01.04	The Netherlands suspends the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine because of concerns that it might induce the formation of blood clots.
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	04.04	The list of the President's instructions following his meeting with the government is released. Among other things, the measures designed to support the healthcare system in the Far Eastern federal okrug are envisaged.
	06.04	Canada announces the start of a third wave of the pandemic as the number of new infections exceeds 1 mn.
	09.04	The List of the President's Instructions following the meeting concerning measures designed to boost investment activity is published; both federal and regional packages are envisaged.
	11.04	Russia's Federal Medical-Biological Agency (FMBA) receives a patent for MIR-19, a drug against the coronavirus suitable for inhalation or nasal administration. An article on the new drug has been published in the acclaimed European journal Allergy.
	12.04	A study on the British variant of the coronavirus is published, scientists have come to the conclusion that this particular strain can spread faster but generally does not produce more severe consequences.
	13.04	The US regulator decides to suspend the use of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine because of the risk of blood clots.
	14.04	Switzerland and Belgium begin to relax their containment measures: indoor sports and cultural events are allowed, restaurant verandas reopen. In Belgium, restaurant verandas reopen, shops switch back to a standard operating mode (instead of serving customers by appointment), containment measures are eased in the services sector and with regard to social contacts.
	14.04	Serbia launches the production of the Sputnik V vaccine.
	14.04	According to official data released by Rospotrebnadzor, no cases of thrombosis after the administration of the Sputnik V vaccine have been detected, which is also confirmed by the results of a trial in Argentina.
	15.04	RF Government Edict No. 977-r dated April 15, 2021 envisages refunds to tourists under their contracts concluded not later than March 31, 2020 for tourism services that were canceled due to emergencies.

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	15.04	Russia restricts air traffic with Turkey and Tanzania in response to the worsening epidemiological situation.
	16.04	WHO outlines the fundamental problem of equal access to vaccines; out of 832 mn vaccinations around the world, more than 82% were done in the countries with high to medium income levels; and only about 0.2%, in the most disadvantaged countries.
	17.04	The global number of coronavirus pandemic victims jumps above 3 mn; UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stresses the importance of ensuring that everyone around the world can receive vaccines.
	19.04	Chief pulmonologist of the RF Ministry of Health Sergey Avdeev notes that in Russia, more than 75% of those coronavirus patients who had to be administered artificial lung ventilation (ALV) have died. The Gamaleya Center informs that more than 3.8 mn people have been vaccinated, the vaccine effectiveness is estimated to be 97.6%.
	21.04	Address of President Putin to the Federal Assembly. The proposed measures are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – payment of Rb5,600 per month for children aged 8–16 in single-parent families; – compensation of the mother's sick leave to care for her child aged under 7 years in the amount of 100% of her earnings; – payment of Rb6,350 per month to low-income pregnant women; – one-time payment of Rb10,000 for schoolchildren; – creation of additional 45,000 state-funded scholarships in universities; – gasification as a social priority; – additional measures to support small and medium-sized businesses; – prolongation of the cashback program until the end of the year, and a 50% refund to parents of their children's summer camp package price.
	23.04	US regulatory authorities lift restrictions on the use of Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine, having recognized its effectiveness and low risks.
	23.04	Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation "On the establishment of non-working days on the territory of the Russian Federation in May 2021" (to be introduced from May 4 through May 7, 2021, with remuneration for employees).
	24.04	Belgium approves the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine for individuals over 41 years of age (the vaccine's benefits outweigh possible risks and side effects); Johnson & Johnson's vaccine is planned to be used for any age.
	26.04	Turkey introduces a lockdown from April 29 to May 17, shutting schools and imposing restrictions on intercity travel.
	26.04	The Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) announces the first deliveries of the Sputnik V vaccine to India to be on May 1, with an agreement to produce more than 850 mn vaccine doses per year.
	27.04	RF Government Edict No. 1097-r dated April 27, 2021 allocates an additional Rb4.7 bn to refund tourists for their cancelled foreign tours within 20% of their cost, but not more than Rb20,000.
	28.04	Updates on Russia's vaccines are released. In May, the production of the Sputnik V vaccine will be launched Mexico; the Chumakov Federal Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences submits its CoviVac vaccine dossier for WHO prequalification.
	29.04	In Brazil, the number of deaths from COVID-19 exceeds 400,000; by mortality rate, the country ranks 2nd in the world.

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	30.04 	The World Health Organization (WHO) lists the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use (previously, the list included the vaccines developed by Pfizer and BioNTech, Johnson & Johnson, and two variants of the AstraZeneca vaccine).
	01.05 	India and the Philippines receives the first shipments of the Sputnik V vaccine. In India, the situation remains difficult, with more than 400,000 new infections per day.
	02.05	President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin approves the list of instructions for the implementation of his Address to the Federal Assembly dated April 21, 2021. It has to do with the social support issues outlined in the Address. The additional measures designed to develop the health care system are as follows: from July 1, to expand the preventive and routine medical examination programs; over the period 2021–2023, to deliver not less than 5,000 new ambulances to rural areas; and in 2022–2023, to deliver not less than 500 mobile medical complexes. Proposals should be developed concerning the improvement of long-term financial sustainability and independence of the budgets of the regions, and the allocation of loans thereto.
	03.05 	The number of registered coronavirus infection cases in the world reaches 152 mn. The highest morbidity levels are observed in the USA (32.4 mn), India (19.5 mn), Brazil (14.7 mn), and France (5.7 mn).
	06.05 	The EU has distributed more than 200 mn coronavirus vaccine doses among the member states. By July 2021, it is planned to vaccinate more than 70% of Europe's adult population. In order to speed up the vaccination campaign, the European Union and the USA also considered the idea of waiving patent protection for coronavirus vaccines.
	07.05 	WHO lists the Sinopharm vaccine (China) for emergency use in individuals aged 18 years and above.
	09.05 	Germany lifts containment measures for vaccinated citizens (the restrictions on social contacts, PCR tests, curfews). The restrictions on the operation of restaurants and cultural institutions are also lifted.
	10.05 	The US regulator approves the use of BioNTech and Pfizer vaccines for minors aged 12 to 15 years; previously, vaccination was recommended only for individuals over 16 years of age.
	14.05	Russia announces that from May 25, it resumes air traffic with Iceland, Malta, Mexico, Portugal, and Saudi Arabia. The number of flights to some other countries is increased.
	15.05 	Ecuador registers the Russian Sputnik V vaccine.
	16.05 	Turkey somewhat eases containment measures (intercity travel is resumed, preschool institutions reopen, vaccinated individuals over 65 years of age are allowed to go out).
	19.05	The list of instructions of the President following the joint meeting of the Presidium of the State Council and the Agency for Strategic Initiative is released. It envisages the development of proposals for financing the measures designed to implement in subjects of the Russian Federation target models under "Health Care", "Labor Market and Employment Support", and "Social Protection"; to high-light the regions' best practices in providing government services in the social sphere; and to ensure monitoring in this field.
	23.05	The number of infection cases in Russia since the onset of the pandemic exceeds 5 mn.

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	24.05	Rospotrebnadzor reports a high efficacy of EpiVacCorona in vaccinating employees (95.8%).
	25.05	Moderna reports its COVID-19 vaccine to be 93% effective against COVID-19 in teenagers aged 12 to 17 two weeks after the first dose.
	26.05	Federal Law No. 151-FZ dated May 26, 2021 "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation" is signed, whereby the President's Address to the Federal Assembly (dated April 21, 2021) is to be implemented. Thus, the mother's sick leave to care for her child under 8 years of age will be compensated in the amount of 100% of her average earnings, regardless of her employment history; from July 1, single-parent families with children aged 8–16 years are to receive monthly payments (50% of a given region's subsistence minimum per capita for children); from July 1, women who have been pregnant less than 12 weeks are assigned a social benefit in the amount of 50% of subsistence minimum.
	26.05	Slovakia approves the use of the Sputnik V vaccine.
	31.05	Russia extends the ban on air traffic with Turkey and Tanzania until June 21, while air traffic is resumed with 9 countries, including the UK.
	31.05	Turkey eases containment measures (curfew is eased; restaurants, amusement parks reopen).
	01.06	WHO lists Sinovac (China's second vaccine) for emergency use.
	02.06	Russia's Federal Medical-Biological Agency (FMBA) says that the vaccine it is developing will be effective against any mutation of the coronavirus; its preclinical trials are to be completed in June.
	05.06	The list of instructions of the President following the meeting on the implementation of some provisions of the President's Address to the Federal Assembly is released. It is envisaged to refund, from the federal budget, 50% of the cost of children' tourism packages to those citizens who purchased vouchers thereof from recreation and rehabilitation organizations for children during the summer holidays of 2021, and to provide support for recreation and rehabilitation organizations for children.
	10.06	A more contagious coronavirus variant (Delta) is spreading. According to the UK Department of Health and Social Care, it makes up 91% of new infections in that country; the strain could be 40% more contagious.
	11.06	Mongolia registers the Sputnik Light vaccine.
	11.06	Israel plans to accept, from July 1, those tourists that have been fully vaccinated with approved vaccines. A PCR test will also be required.

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	12.06	The list of instructions of the President of the Russian Federation following his meeting with the government is released. It is planned to extend the right to receive, from July 1, 2021, the monthly benefit for children aged 8 to 17 years to a child's guardian (or curator); in August 2021, a one-time payment of Rb10,000 to secondary school students with disabilities aged over 18 years or their legal representatives is also envisaged.
	12.06	The city Moscow imposes containment measures (No. 29-UM dated June 12, 2021 "On introducing amendments to the Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 68-UM dated June 8, 2020"). Non-working days are introduced in Moscow from June 13, it is recommended to switch over to a remote work mode, playgrounds in parks and shopping centers are shut, restrictions are imposed on the operation of restaurants after 23.00.
	13.06	Moscow universities are switching to remote mode in compliance with the city mayor's decree; thus, for example, from June 13, an online learning format is introduced at Moscow State University.
	14.06	The UK postpones lifting its containment measures for 4 weeks (from June 21 to July 19).
	14.06	The first batch of the Sputnik V vaccine is delivered to Turkey, which plans to launch its own production of that vaccine.
	17.06	Containment measures are introduced in St. Petersburg. The city authorities shut food courts, limit the nighttime opening hours of restaurants, reduce the occupancy limit for cinemas from 75% to 50%, and limit the number of spectators at cultural events to 3,000.
	18.06	The National Database of Coronavirus Genomic Sequences is created, the program has been developed by Rospotrebnadzor's Central Scientific Research Institute of Epidemiology.
	18.06	Because of the coronavirus pandemic, major music festivals are canceled (Wild Mint, Grushinsky Festival).
	18.06	The interdepartmental operational headquarters to monitor the situation with the coronavirus spread announces that air traffic with Turkey is to be resumed from June 22, while the suspension of air traffic with Tanzania is extended until July 19.
	18.06	Mandatory vaccination is introduced in Tver, and the Tver region becomes 7th in this country to impose such a measure. By August 18, not less than 60% of employees in socially significant sectors (retail, catering, hospitality, transportation, education, healthcare, housing and amenities, culture) must receive both components of the vaccine.
	18.06	Moscow imposes restrictions on planned medical care, over the next month planned hospitalization can be provided only to vaccinated patients, with the exception of some special cases and emergency care.
	18.06	The mayor of Moscow announces plans to create coronavirus-free zones in restaurants (serving only customers with a valid vaccination or PCR tests); 220 organizations agree to participate in the experiment.
	21.06	According to WHO data, the Indian variant of the coronavirus (Delta) has been detected in 92 countries.

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	22.06	By Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 35-UM dated June 22, 2021 "On introducing amendments to the Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 68-UM dated June 8, 2020", the city of Moscow introduces a number of restrictions. It is planned that cafes and restaurants will be open only to people with a QR code (which is issued to individuals who have been vaccinated, or recovered from the disease, or can produce a PCR test result valid for 3 days). The capacity limit for cultural events is set at 500, except for the events requiring the use of QR codes. There are also restrictions on nighttime operation of organizations.
	23.06	The Moscow region imposes restrictions similar to those in Moscow. Decree of the Governor of the Moscow Region No. 199-PG dated June 23, 2021 is published. QR codes are required for entering restaurants (except for summer verandas), mass events, hotels, and there are restrictions on entry to children's playgrounds, attractions, and zoos.
	24.06	The list of instructions of the President of the Russian Federation following his meeting with social workers and representatives of non-profit organizations is released. It is proposed to work out measures to support the All-Russian Public Organization "Russian Red Cross", and to organize government awards to social workers for their active participation in the efforts against the spread of the novel coronavirus infection.
	26.06	Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin allocates more than Rb46.6 bn to cover the benefits to be paid to pregnant women and single parents with children (Decree No. 1731-r dated June 26, 2021). A pregnant woman in a difficult situation will be able to receive about Rb6,300 (50% of the subsistence minimum); approximately 400,000 women will receive this benefit. Single parents with children aged from 8 to 17 years will receive Rb5,500 per month, and approximately 1 mn citizens will receive this type of support.
	27.06	The number of coronavirus infection cases in the world exceeds 180 mn. The highest numbers are recorded in the USA (approximately 33.6 mn), India (30.2 mn), and Brazil (18.39 mn).
	28.06	Russia resumes air traffic with Belgium, Bulgaria, Jordan, Ireland, Italy, Cyprus, North Macedonia, and the USA.
	29.06	In a situation where the Delta strain is spreading, Australia removes the age limit for the AstraZeneca vaccine (previously, it could not be administered to individuals below 60 years of age because of the risks of side effects).
	29.06	Moscow launches an anti-crisis relief package for those companies that have vaccinated their employees. Restaurants will be able to receive a lease deferment, be included in the subsidy program (Rb1 mn for the expenditures on the program list), receive preferential loans (up to Rb500 mn rubles at an interest rate within 6%).
	30.06	Direct Line with President Vladimir Putin. He speaks against compulsory vaccination, highlights the right of the regions to introduce mandatory vaccination for certain categories of citizens. It is suggested that the benefits for children aged 6 years and older should be paid regardless of their age of entry to school.
	01.07	Russia launches comprehensive (in-depth) medical checkup programs for those citizens who have recovered from the coronavirus infection or have been revaccinated (or received booster vaccine shots). The procedure for referring citizens to undergo an in-depth medical checkup is approved (Order of the RF Ministry of Health No. 698n dated July 1).
	01.07	Armenia starts the production of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine against the coronavirus.

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  	02.07	Russia adopts new relief measures for businesses and individuals: VAT exemption for catering services from January 1, 2022 (Federal Law No. 305-FZ dated July 2); granting vaccine manufacturers the right to apply for VAT refunds (Federal Law No. 306-FZ dated July 2); one-time payments to families with children (Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation of No. 396 dated July 2); free vaccination under the CHI program in private medical clinics (Federal Law No. 316-FZ dated July 2).
	05.07	A clinical trial of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine against the coronavirus in teenagers aged 12 to 17 is launched in Moscow.
  	06.07	The Moscow government decrees that grants to cover their utility bills should be allocated to those SMEs which will be among the first hundred to have vaccinated 60% of their staff.
	07.07 	Argentina manufactures the first batch of the second component of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine against the coronavirus.
  	07.07	Decree of the Chief State Sanitary Physician of the Russian Federation No. 17 dated July 2, on reducing from two to one the number of PCR tests for those arriving from abroad on condition that they stay at home for 3 days after their arrival, comes into force (no tests are required for vaccinated individuals or those recovered from the infection). In order to control the spread of the coronavirus infection, Rospotrebnadzor issues instructions on holding mass events with due regard for the movement of epidemiological indicators (Decree of the Chief State Sanitary Physician of the Russian Federation No. 18 dated July 7).
 	08.07	Moscow suspends visits to attraction sites in the territory of zoos; access to cafes and other catering establishments by persons without a QR code is extended until August 1 (Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 40-UM dated July 8).
 	10.07 	Decree of the Chief State Sanitary Physician of the Russian Federation No. 17 dated July 2, on the use of the "Travel without COVID-19" mobile application to confirm a negative PCR test result by citizens of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union and the Republic of Tajikistan, comes into force.
 	14.07 	The World Health Organization (WHO) Director General announces the onset of the third wave of the coronavirus in the world.
 	15.07 	Nigeria registers Russia's Sputnik V vaccine against the coronavirus. Now the total number of countries where it has been approved is 68.
 	16.07	The requirement that a vaccination certificate is necessary for tourists to be accommodated in hotels is introduced in the city of Sevastopol.
  	19.07	Moscow cancels the system of mandatory QR codes for catering establishments. The nighttime operation of catering establishments, children's rooms, nightclubs, bars, and karaoke outlets is resumed (Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 42-UM dated July 16).
	22.07	Russia approves a new test system for identifying coronavirus strains. The Brazilian variant (Gamma) is detected in the country's territory.
 	24.07	Russia resumes regular air traffic with France and the Czech Republic on a reciprocal basis.

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	25.07 	The requirement for foreign citizens and stateless persons, as well as citizens of the Republic of Belarus, to provide a negative PCR test result through the "Travel Without COVID-19" mobile application when entering the Russian Federation from the territories of the Eurasian Economic Union's member states through airport security checkpoints, comes into force (RF Government Decree No. 1998-r dated July 20).
	30.07	In Moscow, the requirement to wear gloves in public places is abolished (Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 45-UM dated July 30).
	31.07	Small and medium-sized businesses and socially oriented non-profit organizations (NPOs) receive Rb8 bn as a short-term gratuitous grant (RF Government Decree No. 2127-r dated July 31).
	01.08	Restrictions on the accommodation of tourists in hotels are introduced in Krasnodar Krai.
	05.08 	The number of coronavirus cases in the world rises above the psychological threshold of 200 mn.
	09.08 	Russia resumes regular air traffic with Bahrain, the Dominican Republic, and Moldova.
	13.08	Moscow cancels the requirement for a mandatory switchover of 30% of employees to remote work (now it is recommendatory); the restrictions on visiting zoos are lifted (Decree of the Mayor of Moscow No. 51-UM dated August 13).
	23.08 	The Republic of the Philippines registers Russia's Sputnik Light vaccine against the coronavirus.
	25.08 	Indonesia approves the use of the Sputnik V vaccine. By the number of approvals received by state regulators, the vaccine now ranks second in the world.
	26.08	Russia registers its fifth vaccine against the coronavirus – EpiVacCorona.
	27.08 	Russia resumes regular air traffic and charter flights with the Dominican Republic, South Korea and the Czech Republic.
	31.08 	All foreign students are allowed to enter the Russian Federation.
	01.09	A reward program for citizens vaccinated against the coronavirus infection is launched. By December 1, two lucky draws with cash prizes will take place: by a government decision, there will be 1,000 wins, Rb100,000 each.
	01.09	By the start of the academic year in Russia, 45% of university faculty and 12% of students have been vaccinated.
	02.09	Russia has developed rapid test systems to detect the Iota and Lambda coronavirus strains.
	04.09 	Russia cancels the mandatory stay-at-home requirement for those arriving from the UK (Decree of the Chief State Sanitary Physician of the Russian Federation No. 22 dated September 1).
	06.09	Rb2 bn is allocated for the implementation of measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 and other infections (the creation of a "sanitary shield"). (RF Government Edict No. 2461-r dated September 6).

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	08.09	It is decided to extend the moratorium on planned control (supervisory) activities for small businesses for the period until 2022 (RF Government Decree No. 1520 dated September 8).
	08.09	The total number of administered doses of the coronavirus vaccine reaches 5.5bn, of which 80% is in high-to-middle income countries.
	15.09	WHO suspends the approval process for Russia's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine pending a fresh inspection.
	16.09	Moscow launches the issuance of QR codes for revaccinated individuals.
	17.09	Russia creates a test system for detecting SARS-CoV-2 RNA in any biomaterial.
	21.09	Russia resumes regular air traffic with Iraq, Spain, Kenya, and Slovakia.
	29.09	Hong Kong announces its recognition of Russian vaccination certificates.
	02.10	Singapore authorities require that foreigners arriving in the country for the purpose of work be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.
	03.10	Qatar enters Sputnik V and Sinovac on its list of approved vaccines for arriving travelers. Under the new rules, travelers will be required to undergo a PCR test within 36 hours of crossing the border.
	04.10	The athletes vaccinated with Russian vaccines will be allowed to participate in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing (Organizing Committee).
	04.10	From October 18 in the Chelyabinsk region, indoor events participated by more than 100 people can be attended only upon producing a QR code.
	05.10	From October 5, Russia resumes air traffic with Denmark, Djibouti, Peru, New Zealand, and South Africa.
	05.10	The effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine decreases 47% six months after receiving the second dose. This finding is based on a study published in The Lancet (medical journal).
	06.10	In the Vologda, Voronezh and Ryazan regions, mandatory vaccination against the coronavirus is introduced for some categories of citizens, in particular those employed in retail, services, catering, housing and amenities services, and the civil service.
	06.10	The authorities of the Arkhangelsk region are going to introduce QR codes for visiting cafes and public events.
	07.10	Tatarstan introduces QR codes and a mandatory stay-at-home regime for individuals over 65 years of age who have not been vaccinated against the coronavirus (government decree).
	07.10	In Bashkiria, from October 27, visits to shopping centers, cinemas, swimming pools and fitness clubs will be possible only with a vaccination certificate or with a certificate of recovery from the coronavirus infection within the previous 6 months.

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	09.10	In Sakhalin, cinemas and theaters will only be accessible to fully vaccinated individuals, while unvaccinated individuals over 60 years of age will be suspended from work.
	10.10	Chechnya will introduce QR codes that will be required to visit restaurants, shopping centers and retail outlets.
	10.10	Malaysia's authorities lift restrictions on travel throughout the country. Nearly 90% of the adult population there have been fully vaccinated.
	10.10	From October 12, according to the regional government's press release, the authorities of the Voronezh region will strengthen containment measures against the coronavirus, including shorter opening hours for catering establishments (until 21:00), switchover of educational establishments to remote learning mode.
	11.10	In Khakassia, it will be possible to enter catering outlets, cultural events and sports facilities only upon presenting a vaccination certificate or a certificate of recovery from the coronavirus infection.
	11.10	From November 15th, the Leningrad region introduces QR codes that will be necessary for visiting theaters, cinemas, swimming pools and fitness clubs.
	11.10	Starting from November, Thailand will cancel the mandatory stay-at-home requirement for vaccinated tourists arriving from countries with a low incidence of COVID-19. These are the USA, the UK, China, and 7 other states. In the future, the list is going to be extended.
	11.10	From October 15 in Sevastopol, theaters, museums and cafes can be entered only upon presenting a QR code or a negative PCR test result.
	12.10	Bashkiria introduces a mandatory stay-at-home regime for unvaccinated senior citizens.
	12.10	The Komi authorities, from October 21, introduce the system of QR codes for visiting sports and cultural events.
	12.10	The Smolensk region introduces QR codes for visiting mass events, cultural institutions, shopping centers, beauty salons, public bathhouses, sports centers, and some other types of organizations.
	13.10	Chukotka introduces compulsory vaccination for fishermen, office workers and those employed in the services sector.
	13.10	Krasnodar Krai makes vaccination mandatory for government officials and students.
	13.10	Chile is going to lift the quarantine regime for Russian tourists vaccinated with Sputnik V.
	13.10	Residents of the city of Moscow over 65 years of age who have been vaccinated against the coronavirus will be able to receive a cash reward of Rb10,000 instead of a reward gift set.
	14.10	In Khabarovsk Krai, regular hospitals are switching over to treating coronavirus patients. The local authorities announce the onset of a fourth coronavirus wave in the region.

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	14.10 	Indonesia's authorities open the Bali resort for vaccinated tourists from 19 countries. Russia is not on that list.
	14.10	From October 15, Kabardino-Balkaria introduces QR codes for visiting catering establishments and cultural events (as reported by the press service the region's head).
	15.10 	The Philippines allows entry without a quarantine period for vaccinated visitors from 49 countries, including those vaccinated with Sputnik V and Sputnik Light.
	15.10	The Irkutsk region introduces compulsory vaccination for residents over 60 years of age and some other categories of citizens.
	16.10	The city of Irkutsk introduces mandatory vaccination for pensioners and students.
	17.10 	Vietnam starts using Sputnik V in a vaccination campaign against COVID-19.
	18.10	From November 1, the Omsk region introduces QR codes for entering theaters, museums and concert halls.
	19.10	The Magadan region extends until December 15 the high alert regime by way of responding to COVID-19.
	19.10 	Russia will share with Nicaragua its technology for the production of a COVID-19 vaccine
	20.10	In the Volgograd region from October 25, only vaccinated individuals or those with a negative PCR test result will be allowed to use intercity transportation and visit cafes.
	23.10	In Transbaikalia from October 25, a system of QR codes is to be introduced for visiting public places.
	23.10	From October 30, Kamchatka introduces QR codes for visiting catering and leisure establishments.
	23.10	From October 30 through November 7, the authorities of the Belgorod region will shut cafes, gyms, swimming pools, museums, cinemas and shopping centers in response to the aggravating epidemiological situation (region's governor).
	24.10 	The Italian Ministry of Health extends the restrictions on entry from third countries, including the Russian Federation.
	24.10	The RF Ministry of Health approves Sputnik V for vaccinating nursing mothers.

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	26.10	The Ulyanovsk region bans all mass events on non-working days (October 30 through November 7).
	29.10	The Volgograd court deems to be lawful the suspension from work for a refusal to be vaccinated.
	31.10	 Cambodia approves the Sputnik V and Sputnik Light vaccines.
	01.11	The Novgorod region is the first among Russia's regions to announce the prolongation of the non-working period from November 8 for one more week.
	02.11	The Pskov region becomes Russia's first region to extend the QR code system until the New Year's Eve.
	02.11	According to the Chuvash Republic's head Oleg Nikolaev, QR codes in Chuvashia are to remain in place at least until the New Year's Eve.
	03.11	In Chukotka, the deadline for receiving reward payments for vaccination is extended until December 1.
	03.11	The authorities of Khabarovsk Krai announce a lockdown.
	03.11	 WHO approves India's coronavirus vaccine Covaxin.
	05.11	From November 8, Primorsky Krai expands the use of QR codes: now they are required to enter non-food stores, hotels and beauty salons.
	05.11	The Russian government extends until the end of the year the lucky draw of Rb100,000 for those vaccinated against COVID-19.
	05.11	 To get a European certificate of vaccination, those vaccinated with Sputnik V will be able to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine in Italy.
	06.11	Tatarstan introduces QR codes on the public transportation system for residents over 18 years of age.
	07.11	 Japan reports zero daily COVID-19 deaths for the first time in 15 months.
	07.11	 Two hyenas kept at the Denver Zoo in the USA have tested positive for COVID-19, thus becoming the first known cases in the world.
	07.11	The Kaliningrad region, from November 8 until February, introduces QR codes for visiting multifunctional government services centers and government agencies, as well as cafes, hotels, fitness rooms and entertainment facilities.

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	08.11	The Tula region, from November 8, introduces a stay-at-home regime for unvaccinated residents over 60 years of age. The city of Moscow and the Moscow region, after lifting the lockdown, continue to impose certain containment measures. The free travel passes for Moscow residents over 60 years of age and those chronically ill are suspended. The Republic of Mari El introduces a stay-at-home regime for those non-working pensioners over 60 years of age who have neither been vaccinated nor have recovered from the coronavirus infection. In Bashkiria, from November 10, only those vaccinated against COVID-19 or those who have been ill can visit hypermarkets and other large stores. The authorities of the Pskov region allow to hold wedding celebrations, as well as corporate parties, banquets and commemorations, on condition that both the participants and organizers of these events have received QR codes. Tyumen introduces QR codes for visiting shopping malls, cinemas and fitness centers.
	08.11	The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the world exceeds 250 mn – John Hopkins University.
	09.11	The city of St. Petersburg introduces mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 for residents aged 60+ years and those with chronic illnesses (the first dose must be received by December 15; the second, by January 15).
	09.11	Singapore authorities will discontinue covering the costs of coronavirus treatment for unvaccinated individuals. These changes do not apply to children under 12 years of age and to adults with contraindications to the vaccine.
	10.11	Krasnoyarsk Krai, from November 15, bans access to beauty salons, hotels, museums, catering and libraries for individuals without a QR code.
	10.11	The city of St. Petersburg's non-working residents over 60 years of age who are not vaccinated and have no QR code are not allowed to enter public catering, personal and household services outlets.
	11.11	From December 1, Khabarovsk Krai introduces a system of QR codes for entering railway stations and airports. From November 15, the Amur requires QR codes for visiting beauty salons and hairdressers. Krasnodar Krai launches mandatory vaccination for residents aged 60+ years.
	12.11	Chuvashia becomes Russia's first region to issue QR codes to individuals with high antibody titers.
	14.11	Austria introduces a stay-at-home regime for unvaccinated citizens.
	15.11	China restricts imports from Russia delivered by rail due to the coronavirus.
	15.11	Israel opens its borders to tourists vaccinated with Sputnik V.
	16.11	The Philippines approves the Sputnik Light vaccine as a universal booster.

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	17.11	The ECtHR admits that a lockdown does not violate the Convention on Human Rights.
	17.11	Krasnoyarsk Krai launches mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 for police officers and elderly people. The Kaliningrad region introduces mandatory vaccination for residents over 60 years of age.
	20.11	The demonstration against the coronavirus restrictions held in Rotterdam led to riots, police fired warning shots. In central London, several thousand people took part in protests against coronavirus restrictions. Rallies against pandemic-related restrictions erupted in Vilnius, Zagreb and Vienna.
	21.11	Residents of Brussels took to the streets in mass protests against the tightening containment measures and mandatory vaccination.
	21.11	A rally against vaccination is held in Krasnodar Krai. The protesters demand the removal of all coronavirus restrictions and cancellation of QR codes.
	22.11	Kamchatka introduces relief measures for business during the pandemic (tax incentives and cash compensation).
	22.11	France faces the onset of a fifth wave – the number of new infections has soared by 80% over one week.
	23.11	Unvaccinated residents of the Khanty-Mansi autonomous national area will be required to send a notification about their leaving their home through a mobile application.
	23.11	Russia and Hungary agree on mutual recognition of certificates of vaccination against COVID-19.
	23.11	The Republic of San Marino approves Sputnik Light. This is Russia's second vaccine against the coronavirus approved in that country.
	24.11	The Nizhny Novgorod region introduces mandatory vaccination for individuals over 60 years of age.
	24.11	The RF Ministry of Health registers the Sputnik M vaccine against COVID-19 for teenagers aged 12 to 17 years.
	24.11	The Leningrad region introduces mandatory vaccination for individuals over 60 years of age and those with chronic illnesses.
	25.11	A new strain of the coronavirus (B.1.1.529) is discovered in southern Africa.
	26.11	The face mask wearing regime in Kamchatka is extended until the end of January 2022.
	26.11	Brazil is not going to require a COVID-19 vaccination certificate from visitors.

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	26.11 	In Europe, the first case of infection with a new strain of coronavirus from Africa is confirmed. It can spread around the world within a few months, according to the President of the European Commission. In response to the emergence of the new coronavirus strain, Russia will restrict entry from Hong Kong and southern African countries. The Philippines imposes a temporary ban on air flights from the Republic of South Africa and Botswana as a protective measure against the new variant of the coronavirus.
	27.11 	WHO labels the new coronavirus strain Omicron and designates it a "variant of concern".
	27.11 	The USA, Canada, Cyprus, Egypt, Argentina, Brazil, and Australia suspend air traffic with African countries. Qatar Airways suspends the admission to its flights of passengers from several African countries.
	28.11 	The authorities of Iran and Kuwait suspend air traffic with southern African countries because of the Omicron strain.
	28.11 	Israeli authorities announce the closure of borders for 14 days over the Omicron strain of the coronavirus.
	29.11 	Canada and Austria confirm the first cases of infection with the new strain (Omicron); France identifies 8 possible cases of Omicron infection. The first cases of infection with the new coronavirus strain (Omicron) are recorded in Sweden and Spain. The new Omicron strain is identified in the family of an infected Italian; the total number of cases in Italy rises to 4.
	29.11	Primorsky Krai introduces mandatory vaccination against COVID-19 for senior citizens.
	29.11 	The Winter Universiade 2021 in Switzerland is canceled because of the emergence of the new coronavirus strain.
	30.11 	Ecuador and Kazakhstan are going to restrict entry from those countries that have become Omicron hotspots.
	30.11	From December 1, 2021, the Chelyabinsk region introduces mandatory vaccination against the coronavirus for people over 60 years of age and students over 18 years of age.
	01.12 	WHO: Omicron has already been identified in 23 countries.
	01.12 	Russia resumes air traffic with Brazil, Argentina and Bangladesh.
	01.12	Kamchatka introduces a stay-at-home regime for those elderly individuals who have not been vaccinated against the coronavirus.
	01.12	The Russian Premier League (RPL) comes to an agreement with Rospotrebnadzor and the Mayor of Moscow's office that the attendance of football matches in the capital should be increased to 70% of the stadiums' capacity (previously, the capacity limit was set at 30%).

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	02.12	Finland confirms its first case of the Omicron strain infection. For that reason, the launch of the Allegro high-speed train between St. Petersburg and Helsinki is canceled. In Spain, the Omicron strain of COVID-19 is detected for the first time, in a resident who has not left the country.
	03.12	The authorities of Yakutia are easing COVID restrictions in response to the improving epidemiological situation.
 	03.12	Japan suspends for at least one month the already issued new visas because of the threat posed by to the Omicron strain.
 	05.12	From January 1, Saudi Arabia allows entry to individuals vaccinated with Sputnik V.
 	06.12	Sputnik V becomes the second most effective and the first death-preventing vaccine in Hungary.
 	06.12	Argentina approves Sputnik Light as a booster vaccine.
	08.12	PRospotrebnadzor reduces the validity period of the PCR test result to 48 hours.
	11.12	The Russian government completely bans entry into the country for foreigners from nine African countries and Hong Kong, by way of responding to the threat of the new coronavirus variant spread (to be labeled Omicron later on).
	13.12	It is decided to issue vaccination certificates (QR codes) to Russians vaccinated with foreign vaccines.
	16.12	Russia's excess mortality since the onset of the epidemic rises above 1 mn.
	17.12	The Sverdlovsk region introduces mandatory vaccination for students.
	18.12	The Crimea bans all concerts and entertainment events in public socializing areas during the New Year's holidays.
	20.12	Moscow extends the issuance of QR codes to recovered coronavirus patients.
	22.12	The RF Ministry of Health of Russia registers Mir-19, a drug against the coronavirus. The drug is approved for the treatment of coronavirus patients aged 18 to 65 years.
 	23.12	WHO speaks against the universal vaccination of children against the coronavirus.
 	23.12	Japan introduces a mandatory quarantine for arriving Russians because of the new Omicron strain.
 	24.12	Omicron has been identified in 110 countries around the world.

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	28.12	The RF Government extends the period of additional payments to the medical personnel providing medical care to coronavirus patients throughout the year 2022.
	28.12	Mir-19 and Sputnik M are included in the COVID-19 treatment guidelines.

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