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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for the detailed information provided, much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to explore how ECDC could support you in the investigation, reporting and response options.

With best regards,

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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your interest and ECDC epidemiologic intelligence duty. As you have encounter on the media, we are having at this moment a number of SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks in long-term care facilities (LTCFs).

In general terms, as you know, the incidence in Spain has experienced an increase on july and nowadays is starting to decrease. The population with highest incidence are the young people unvaccinated, that have, in general, relaxed the non-pharmaceutical prevention measures. Since mid-march, the vaccine coverage is very high (around 100%) among elderly residents of this facilities. Furthermore, the acceptance of the vaccine between health care workers of the LTCFs is also very high (around 90%). The 7 days incidence on January-february 2020 before vaccination was around 100/10.000 residents and since mid-march to 1st july was around 1-2 cases/10.000. The increase on the incidence on residents of LTCFs was observed about 10 days after the increase on the general population. On the first week of august was 36,78 cases/10.000, and seemed stable compared with the previous weeks.

According to our protocols, one case is considered an outbreak on a LTCF. At the moment an outbreak is detected, the LTCF has to implement public health measures. From 2-8 august a total of 270 outbreaks were detected on LTCFs with 1.265 cases. Aggregated data from surveillance on LTCFs is periodically updated by the Social Rights Ministry

(https://www.imsero.es/InterPresent1/groups/imsero/documents/binario/inf_resid_20210808.pdf) and is also shared with ECDC though Epipulse.

Further analyses on our individual Surveillance System (SiViEs), showed that most of the cases detected (52%) were asymptomatic. Hospitalization of cases and Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has decreased sharply since mid-

march. On the last months CFR is around 5% compared with 20% before vaccination was initiated (<https://www.isciii.es/QueHacemos/Servicios/VigilanciaSaludPublicaRENAVE/EnfermedadesTransmisibles/Documents/INFORMES/Informes%20COVID-19/INFORMES%20COVID-19%202021/Informe%20n%C2%BA%2090%20Situaci%C3%B3n%20de%20COVID-19%20en%20Espa%C3%B1a%20a%2004%20de%20agosto%20de%202021.pdf>)

On the same way, even in this wave, the impact of COVID on severity measured as hospitalization rate or CFR on our residents, seems to us overestimated due the large proportion of asymptomatic cases.

The Delta variant is dominant now almost in every region in Spain. Sequencing data is been integrated on the individual surveillance system since January and we update the information on a weekly basis (https://pre-msssi.msc.es/profesionales/saludPublica/ccayes/alertasActual/nCov/documentos/COVID19_Actualizacion_vari antes_20210809.pdf), but detailed information on LTCFs at this moment is lacking.

A surveillance of LTCFs outbreaks network is just starting with the collaboration of several regions. Both the Public health epidemiologists and Social Right workers are collaborating to gather all the information and implement measures. We have just contacted with the local stakeholders, who will be providing all detailed information on the following weeks. This information will be shared with ECDC though EpiPulse in a few weeks (number of residents and workers involved, vaccinated, hospitalized, dead and the variant involved)

Hope this preliminary information is been useful to you.

Kind regards

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Asunto: For action: Spain: breakthrough SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks in LTCFs

Dear Colleagues in Spain,

ECDC identified a number of SARS-CoV-2 outbreaks in Spanish long-term care facilities (LTCFs) with high vaccination coverage among LTCF residents, reported by media sources:

Bilbao, País Vasco: [La residencia de la Misericordia de Bilbao tiene un brote de 25 positivos y confirman tres más en Getxo y en pueblos de Álava \(eldiario.es\)](https://www.eldiario.es)

Gualchos, Andalucía: [Brote en Granada: Suben a 51 los contagios en el brote de covid de la residencia de mayores de Gualchos | Ideal](https://www.ideal.es)

Aracena, Andalucía: [El alcalde de Aracena \(Huelva\) dice que la residencia de mayores tiene un brote "controlado" pero con un fallecimiento \(europapress.es\)](https://www.europapress.es)

Provincia de Álava, País Vasco: [Tres residencias alavesas detectan 26 nuevos casos positivos, con dos personas](https://www.eldiario.es)

[hospitalizadas \(europapress.es\)](https://europapress.es)

Pedroche, Andalusia: [Ascienden a nueve los fallecidos en la residencia de Pedroche \(Córdoba\) por el brote de Covid con 84 casos \(europapress.es\)](https://europapress.es)

Comunidad autónoma de Extremadura: [Extremadura tiene un centenar de brotes de covid activos, once en residencias | Hoy](https://europapress.es)

Long-term care facilities indeed remain vulnerable sites for SARS-CoV-2 introduction and spread, especially due to the circulation of SARS-CoV-2 variants and considering the possible waning immunity in this population which was often vaccinated first.

We wanted to follow up on these events to see if we might learn more from you and therefore we would like to know if you have considered reporting the cases through the [ECDC LTCF reporting protocol](#) via [EpiPulse](#) and/or notifying it via EWRS.

We understand that not all the information might be available to you at this time, but we would be grateful if you could report any information that you may have.

We know these are busy times and we thank you very much in advance for your shared information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please do let us know if you would prefer to have a short teleconference with us to discuss about the points above and/or to explore how ECDC could support you in the investigation, reporting and response options.

Kind regards,

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