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## National Lockdown in Austria Due to COVID-19 Cases

Austrian Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg announced that beginning 22 November 2021, a 10 days national lockdown will be implemented in Austria, which may be extended for an additional 10 more days thereafter. During the said period, people may only leave their homes for essential purposes.

The Austrian government revealed that there are more than 15,000 new COVID-19 infections as of 19 November 2021, which is regarded as an all-time high in Austria. Vienna City likewise ordered all public events to be cancelled and be held on a later date. It is also looking into imposing the national vaccine requirement, making COVID-19 vaccinations mandatory for all eligible people, starting 01 February 2022. This shall be Europe's first nationwide vaccine mandate to control the surge in coronavirus in Austria.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

BERNARD P. OLALIA Administrator

22 November 2021

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