

The Heat: COVID-19 in Europe



Austria returned to a full nationwide lockdown Monday – the first EU country to take restrictions that far amid the latest wave of surging COVID-19 infections across Western Europe. And the new restrictions – in Austria and elsewhere on the continent – are being met with backlash. From Croatia to the Netherlands, people took to the streets over the weekend to protest what they see as curbs on their freedom. Some demonstrations became violent, underscoring the level of anger felt by the protesters. But with cases up sharply, experts say governments felt compelled to act.

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