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60 percent of Balearic population could be infected with coronavirus

Palma.—By the time the coronavirus pandemic has been eradicated, 60% of the population of the Balearic Islands will have been infected, according to Javier Aranz, Spokesman for the Regional Committee for Infectious Diseases. "We are trying to launch a study in the coming weeks to calculate

the percentage of affectation in the Balearic Islands. There are mathematical models which calculate that between 60 and 67% of the population will be infected with coronavirus when the epidemic is over," he said. A study is expected to be launched very soon to find out the actual number of

people affected in the community, which won't be easy in the midst of a pandemic.

The official number of people infected now stands at 1,204, which represents 0.1% of the population of the Archipelago. On Thursday there were 73 new cases, but the overall total is still on a downward trend.

Spain overtakes Italy in coronavirus cases, death rate slows

- Spain overtook Italy for the first time yesterday for the number of confirmed coronavirus cases, but the overnight death toll fell from the previous day, providing a small glimmer of hope.

- With a total 117,710 confirmed cases, Spain is now second in the number of infections only to the United States, which has a population some seven times larger. Spain's total death toll now stands at 10,935, second only to Italy, with 13,915 fatalities.

- On a happier note yesterday marked the



Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez,

first time in more than a week that the number of deaths fell from the previous day, to 932

fatalities from 950.

- "The increase in the number of cases today is 7%, which confirms the reduction trend we've been observing," said Maria Jose Rallo, the deputy head of health emergency. That is down from a 20% increase one week ago. Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has imposed one of Europe's strictest lockdowns, leaving only employees in essential sectors such as health free to travel to and from work.

- Restaurants, bars and shops are shuttered, and social gatherings are banned. **See Inside**