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Britain worries about second wave in Europe, more quarantine steps possible

ritish authorities are worried about a second wave of coronavirus infections in Europe and will not hesitate to bring back more quarantine measures, possibly within the next few days, as they did with Spain.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said COVID-19 was under some measure of control in Britain, but a resurgence in some European countries showed the pandemic was not over.

"Health minister Matt Hancock stopped short of naming other European countries that might end up back on the quarantine list, but cited France as an example of one where infections have lately risen.

"I am worried about a second wave. I think you can see a second wave starting to roll across Europe, and we've got to do everything we can to prevent it from reaching these shores, and to tackle it," Hancock said during an interview on Sky News.

When asked whether Britons should be prepared for more measures to be announced within the next few days, he said yes.

Hancock said the authorities were working on possible ways to shorten the quarantine period for people coming from Spain, such as by testing them during the quarantine period. "But we are not imminently making an announcement on it," he said in a BBC television interview.

In Britain, the number of cases had stopped falling and was at best flat, which was a result of increased social contact.



Temperatures hit the 40 degrees Centigrade mark in Majorca yesterday as the heatwave continued. See Full Weather Forecast Inside Today.



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