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Navy to help protect fishing waters in case of no-deal Brexit

Four Royal Navy patrol ships will be ready from Jan. 1 to help Britain protect its fishing waters in case of a no-deal Brexit, as Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the UK was likely to complete its EU exit in three weeks without a trade deal. The Ministry of Defence “has conducted extensive planning and preparation to ensure that defence is ready for a range of scenarios at the end of the transition period,” a spokesman said. “This preparation includes a standby package of 14,000 personnel to ensure that we are ready to support other government departments and authorities over the winter period, including with the EU transition, COVID-19 and potential severe weather events,” the spokesman said in an email to Reuters. The 80-metre-long vessels will have the power to stop, check and impound all European Union fishing boats operating within Britain’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ), which can extend 200 miles (320 km) from shore.



FRESH FEARS OVER COVID FIGURES

The regional health ministry reported 258 new positive cases of coronavirus on Friday. This was the highest daily figure since September 12. Twenty-two more than on Thursday, the 258 cases produced a test rate of 7.01% from 3,680 tests.

While these cases refer to all the islands, it is Majorca which has produced most of them - 236. In Ibiza there were eleven, in Minorca ten and in Formentera one. The situation in Ibiza is much better than it was. There are at present 23 people in hospital, five of them in intensive care. Minorca has thirteen patients in hospital; three in

ICU. In Majorca there are 164 patients on wards and 45 in intensive care. Compared with a week ago, there are 25 more patients on wards, 22 of them in Majorca. In intensive care units the 53 patients compare with 42 a week ago. With the exception of one patient in Minorca, this increase has occurred in Majorca. On a more positive note, 233 more people have recovered, 29 of whom were in hospital.

The 14-day cumulative incidence for the Balearics has risen from 208.4 cases per 100,000 inhabitants last week to 237.4 (data up to Tuesday this week). In Majorca, there has been an

increase to 272.9 cases from 235.5. In Ibiza the incidence is down to 99.4. In Minorca the incidence is 142.4, having been 95.3 last week. At municipality level, the highest 14-day cumulative incidence per 100,000 has been Fornalutx (1,212), followed by Sa Pobla (1,135.4), Lloseta (718.1), Valldemossa (609.4) and Soller (523.7). The latest figures for active cases per municipality show a decrease in Fornalutx, but increases in three of these five municipalities. In Valldemossa, the fifteen is unchanged for the past two days.

Pollensa appears to be the latest hotspot. Last Friday there were forty ac-

CASES

Palma 1,975.....	(+74)
Inca 187.....	(+17)
Marratxi 183.....	(+17)
Sa Pobla 174.....	(+10)
Calvia 163.....	(+19)
Manacor 152.....	(-1)
Soller 130.....	(+5)
Llucmajor 99.....	(-2)
Pollensa 95.....	(+35)
Lloseta 55.....	(+4)
Binissalem 49.....	(+6)

tive cases. These have more than doubled. Since Wednesday, thirty of the 53 municipalities in Majorca show increased numbers of active cases.

Spanish ski stations set to open next week despite COVID-19 restrictions

Madrid.—Some Spanish ski stations, including exclusive Baqueira Beret favoured by the royal family, are set to open from next week while observing nationwide coronavirus restrictions. Ski resorts have become a divisive issue in Europe as some countries

like France, Germany and Italy have shut them after some ski stations became COVID-19 breeding grounds last winter, helping the early spread of the illness in Europe.

Privately owned Baqueira Beret, in the Pyrenees near the French border,

said on its website it will open on Monday, though it will limit the number of skiers to guarantee social distance.

“The starting shot of the winter 2020-2021 will be fired on December 14,” the resort said on Friday.

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