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Preparations to vaccinate Balearic population within three months



President Armengol has reiterated that there are the necessary means to immunise the population of the Balearics within three months.

In parliament yesterday, the president said that the principal difficulty with the vaccination programme is “the lack of production”, which is why she has called on pharmaceutical companies to speed it up. If doses of vaccines arrive “en masse”, the region will be prepared to vaccinate very rapidly, as the infrastructure for this is already being prepared.

Spokesperson for Ciudadanos, Patricia Guasp, told the president that this will not be possible. “There are not the people to carry out mass vaccination with only personnel from the public health system.”

Guasp criticised Armengol’s PSOE party for having followed Podemos in “demonising private health” by supporting a motion that only IB-Salut personnel should carry out vaccination.

Guasp added that “while the doses do not arrive, the hospital pressure continues to increase as does the fatigue of

Balearic society”. She demanded the immediate resignations or dismissals of “VIPs who have jumped the vaccination queue” and wanted to know who draws up the lists of those to be vaccinated and what the government is doing “to prevent the fraudulent use of vaccines”.

Lina Pons of El Pi restated the need for the Balearics to be a strategic area for vaccination because of the loss of tourism due to the pandemic.

She wanted the health minister, Patricia Gómez, to state when 70% of the population will be vaccinated.

Gómez explained that the government’s strategy is to have many distribution points in order to have very high vaccination when this will be possible. “In three months we could vaccinate the people, but it is necessary that the vaccines are delivered. In the meantime, we will continue to prepare. The arrival of new vaccines and the approval of AstraZeneca means higher numbers of doses than originally planned. A year ago, no one could have imagined that by this time we would already have vaccinated more than 26,000 people.”

Pollensa political crisis over COVID vaccine

Opposition parties on the Pollensa council were calling on Mayor, Tomeu Cifre, and Welfare councillor Francisca Cerdà to quit after she was accused of queue jumping to get the Covid vaccine. She has already had the two jabs.

Unidas Podemos, Alternativa per Pollença and Junts Avançam, the three opposition groups, called on the Mayor to stand down for allegedly covering up Cerdà’s “double jab” and for the council-

lor herself for allegedly breaking the vaccine protocol.

The opposition groups also charged that the ruling council had spent 4,000 euros on PCR tests, “money they should pay back...”

As we reported yesterday, Cerdà, explained at a press conference on Monday that she was on the list of people to be vaccinated at the municipal care home for the elderly that had been authorised by the health service.

A farewell to bulls? Regional, local leaders disagree on Spain’s Pamplona festival

Pamplona.—Spain’s San Fermin festival, which attracts tourists from all over the world for the running of the bulls through the streets of Pamplona, will be cancelled for the second year in a row because of COVID-19, the regional head said yesterday.

But amid much disagreement and hand-wringing across Spain over how strict pan-



demic restrictions should be, Pamplona’s mayor was quick to say no decision had yet been made.

“An international festival like San Fermin, in which millions of people come to Navarra, won’t be possible,” Maria Chivite, president of Navarra’s regional administration, said.