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retailers offer

help to speed up

vaccinated,

campaign



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Palma.—British travel giant Jet2, which brings hundreds of thousands of British holidaymakers to the Balearics, has set out three scenarios for a resumption of flights: May 22, mid-July and September 1, according to an article in the Financial Times. Airlines and travel companies have a lot riding on the date. Even Jet2, smaller and thriftier than rivals, reckons on burning through $\pounds75m$ a month in a fully grounded situation, according to

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the newspaper. Jet2 cancelled its Easter holiday programme this week and there are now hopes that it could resume its holiday programme in May. The British government has

The British government has given mixed messages over holi-

days; one minister has told Britons not to book while another has said that he has already booked his holiday to Cornwall.

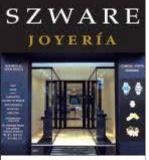
The Majorcan tourist industry wants to open as soon as it is safe to do so.



Madrid.—Supermarkets, department stores and consumer-goods firms in Spain offered to help overloaded health authorities with coronavirus vaccinations while the government said more than 1 million people had already received two shots. Five major retail associations said in a letter to health authorities that their members - many of which already carry out annual inoculations of staff - could administer COVID-19 jabs to their workers to ease the pressure on the health service. Companies including El Corte Ingles, Carrefour and IKEA, said they could operate in strict compliance with the national vaccination strategy. Although Spain initially

said its primary-care network could handle the vaccination plan, an acceleration in vaccine deliveries expected in the second quarter after recent delays is prompting regional authorities to reconsider. Madrid will use stadiums, while other regions such as Andalusia, Valencia and Catalonia are weighing their options, potentially even using cathedrals. The Andalusian city of Ronda has already opened drivethru vaccination stations.

To hit a national target of inoculating 70% of the 47 million strong population by the end of summer, some regions may hire retired physicians, students or pharmacists to help out.



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