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In Tuscany the new positive cases at Covid in the last 24 hours are 4,011 out of 26,109 tests, of which 5,419 molecular swabs and 20,690 rapid tests. The new positives rate is 15.36%. Compared to yesterday, cases are decreasing in the face of a decreasing number of tampons, with an unchanged positivity rate: in the previous report, the infections were 5,478 out of 35,283 tests and an incidence of new positives of 15.53% (76, 3% on first diagnoses).

In the Lazio the new positives are 6,625, less than 2,431 compared to yesterday while the deaths are 16, one less than 24 hours ago.

The new coronavirus cases recorded in the last 24 hours in the last 24 hours fell from 7,780 to 3,902 Puglia out of 24,264 daily tests performed, with an incidence that drops to 16% (yesterday it was 18.7%). Eight people died, while of the 104,240 people currently positive, 627 are hospitalized in a non-critical area (yesterday they were 640) and 36 in intensive care, one less than yesterday.

In the last 24 hours, the occupation of the non-critical area wards by Covid patients in Italy (exactly one year ago it was 41%) and exceeds the 20% threshold in 7 regions or autonomous provinces: Umbria (41%), Calabria (32%), Sicily (26%), Basilicata (25%), Abruzzo (23%), Puglia (22%) and Sardinia (21%). The employment of intensive care units is also stable at 5% (a year ago it was 39%) and only Sardinia (at 12%) exceeds the alert threshold of 10%. These are the data from the National Agency for Regional Health Services (Agenas) of 12 April 2022.

In detail, on a daily basis, the occupancy of places in the hospital wards of the `non-critical` area by patients with Covid-19 grows in 4 regions: Liguria (17%), Public Administration of Bolzano (10%), Valle of Aosta (11%) and Veneto (11%). Cala in 6: Basilicata (25%), Calabria (32%), Emilia Romagna (14%), Lazio (18%), Sicily (26%), Umbria (41%). It is stable in the remaining 11 regions or autonomous provinces: Abruzzo (23%), Campania (17%), Friuli Venezia Giulia (12%), Lombardy (11%), Marche (20%), Molise (17%), Pa Trento (11%) Piedmont (10%), Puglia (22%), Sardinia (21%) and Tuscany (16%).

Also on a daily basis, the employment of intensive care by patients with Covid-19 grows in 6 regions or autonomous provinces: Basilicata (3%), Friuli Venezia Giulia (2%), Lazio (8%), Pa Trento (4%), Piedmont (4%), Umbria (9%). Cala in as many 6: in the Pa Bolzano (2%), Puglia (7%), Sardinia (12%), Sicily (7%), Valle d'Aosta (3%) and Veneto (2%). While it is stable in the remaining 9: Abruzzo (6%), Calabria (9%), Campania (6%), Emilia Romagna (4%), Liguria (5%), Lombardy (2%), Marche (4%), Molise (8%), Tuscany (7%).

Meanwhile, the Minister of Health, Roberto Speranza, specifies: «On the 4 / a dose of the anti-Covid vaccine we are starting now with the over 80s and the frail over 60s, my recommendation is to vaccinate the most fragile people as recommended. We will then evaluate whether to imagine, starting from autumn, other calls for other groups of the population using the updated vaccines: in the months that separate us, that is, from now to autumn, we will evaluate a further booster with updated vaccines for further groups of citizens, but what will these be? bands we will understand it with the scientists ».

In January 2022 alone, characterized by the predominance of the highly diffusive Omicron variant, in which a total of 4.3 million diagnoses of SARS-CoV-2 infection were observed, vaccination made it possible to avoid a total of 5.2 million cases of infection (range 4.3 million-6.4 million), 228 thousand hospitalizations (161 thousand-384 thousand), 19 thousand hospitalizations in intensive care (13 thousand-31 thousand) and 74 thousand deaths (48 thousand-130 thousand). It emerges from the report "SARS-CoV-2 infections, hospitalizations and deaths associated with COVID-19 directly avoided by vaccination" published by the National Institute of Health.

The calculation was made with a methodology, initially developed for influenza vaccines but already applied in other countries for studies relating to SARS-CoV-2, which uses data from the Integrated Surveillance and the national vaccine register of the Ministry of Health. This approach is based on the idea that the weekly impact of vaccination on the events studied (COVID-19 notified cases, hospitalizations, ICU admissions and deaths) can be estimated by combining vaccination efficacy against the event of interest, coverage weekly vaccination and the weekly number of observed events. This estimate is called direct as it does not consider the possible indirect impact of the same vaccination on the unvaccinated population (for example: the infections avoided among the vaccinated could have contained the overall transmissibility observed in Italy). The survey shows that from the beginning of the vaccination campaign to 31 December 2021, it is estimated that a total of 2.8 million cases (range 2.8 million-3.4 million), 290 thousand hospitalizations (218 thousand-400 thousand) have been avoided thanks to vaccination, 38 thousand hospitalizations in intensive care (27 thousand-54 thousand) and 78

thousand deaths (54 thousand-114 thousand). These figures represent respectively 43%, 58%, 57% and 64% of expected events (i.e. those observed plus those avoided).

In Italy there is a new sub-variant of Omicron: after BA.1 and BA.2, BA.2.3 is circulating, which is currently present in about 20% of Covid-19 cases in our country. The geneticist Massimo Zollo, coordinator of the Covid-19 Task Force of Ceinge – Advanced Biotechnologies and professor of Genetics at the Federico II University of Naples, told ANSA. “Starting from March 1, Italy has deposited 10,000 sequences” in international databases that collect the genetic sequences of the SarsCoV2 virus. “BA.2.3 originated from BA.2, but it has a few more mutations compared to this one.” The symptoms do not differ much from the actual Omicron. You may experience headache, cold or runny nose, tiredness, but also fever or sore throat. Likewise, the days of incubation remain more or less always five.

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