

Germany's confirmed coronavirus cases rise by 22,964



?A member of Germany's Red Cross medical staff waits for people at a newly installed coronavirus test center in Frankfurt. (Photo: Reuters)?

Berlin, November 22 (RHC)-- The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Germany increased by 22,964 to 902,528, data from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) for infectious diseases showed on Saturday. The reported death toll rose by 254 to 13,884, the tally showed.

Germany is scouting trade fair halls and airport terminals to use as potential mass vaccination centers, as it draws up plans to inoculate the nation as soon as the first coronavirus shot gains European approval.

Under the national vaccine strategy, approved by its cabinet in October, Germany has asked the states to identify central vaccination centers which will be supplemented by mobile teams who go into care homes.

The country has identified six sites in the capital, Berlin, to be used as centers to administer the new coronavirus vaccination, an official at the civil protection agency said on Saturday, calling for volunteers to carry out the work.

The sites, which include Berlin's trade fair as well as Tempelhof and Tegel airports, will be set up by mid-December, said Albrecht Broemme, project manager for vaccination centers at the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (THW).

"We'll have centers that are easily reachable by public transport," he said, adding that volunteers would be needed to get the work done. He added that although some volunteers would require a medical background, "... we don't need chief physicians and such highly qualified people."

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