

# *EU agency says Omicron pushing COVID from pandemic to endemic*

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Amsterdam, January 12 (RHC)-- The European Medicines Agency, the region's drug regulator, says the spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant across the continent is pushing COVID-19 towards being an

endemic disease that humanity can live with.

“With the increase of immunity in population -- and with Omicron, there will be a lot of natural immunity taking place on top of vaccination -- we will be fast moving towards a scenario that will be closer to endemicity,” Marco Cavaleri, head of vaccine strategy at the Amsterdam-based regulator, told journalists on Tuesday.

The United Kingdom’s Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi told Sky News that the UK government is hopeful the country will be among the first in the world to “transition” from pandemic to endemic.

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