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## British vaccine chief targets spring rollout, but impact may be limited

London.—The woman in charge of procuring possible COVID-19 vaccines for Britain said that rollout of the earliest shots could start this year, though their effectiveness was likely to be limited.

There is no clinically proven vaccine against the coronavirus, though nearly 200 candidates are in development worldwide, and late-stage trial results are expected for the first of them by the end of 2020.

Britain has agreed supply deals for six candidates including frontrunners from Astra-Zeneca and Pfizer.

“If the first two vaccines, or either of

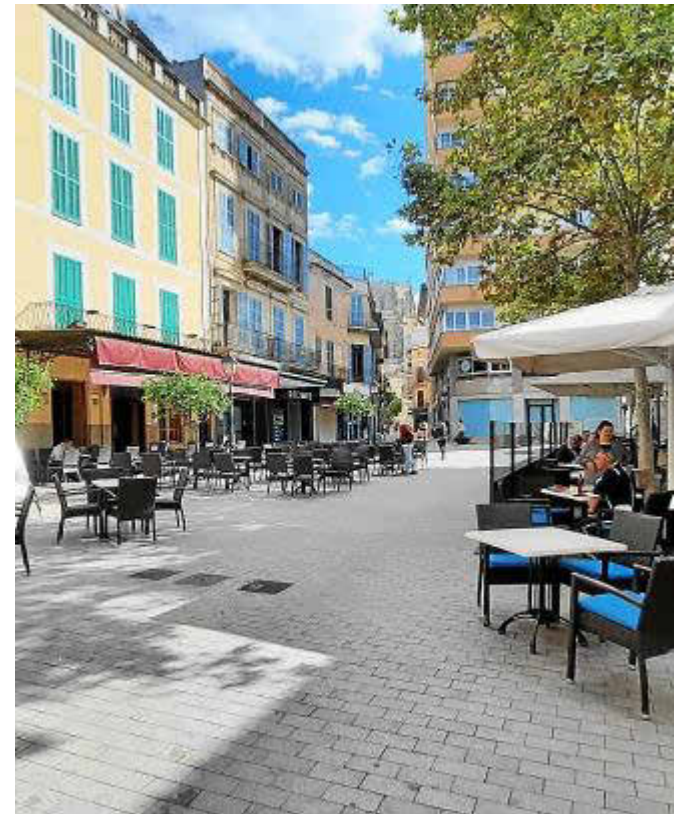
them, show that they are both safe and effective, I think there is a possibility that vaccine rollout will start this side of Christmas,” Kate Bingham said on BBC television.

“... Otherwise I think it’s more realistic to expect it to be early next year.”

Bingham, the chair of the UK Vaccine Taskforce, had written in an opinion piece published overnight that all the candidate vaccines could in theory fail.

“We do not know that we will ever have a vaccine at all”, she wrote in the *Lancet* medical journal.

# Unauthorised parties, blamed for virus rise in Manacor



**U**nauthorised celebrations are the main cause of the increase in coronavirus infections in Manacor, according to Mayor Miquel Oliver, who said it’s time people took responsibility for their actions.

“The ban on meetings in leisure places has resulted in people gathering in private homes, which has made it

much more difficult for the Local Police to stop them,” he said. “There’s no evidence that the increase in cases was caused by non-compliance with measures at schools, cultural or sporting events, which are and will continue to be safe spaces,” he added.

Mayor Oliver insists that “all the necessary measures are being taken to prevent the collapse of Manacor Hospital

and we hope that there won’t be serious consequences for the local economy.”

But restaurateurs are already worried about the consequences and have made it clear they are deeply unhappy about the Ministry of Health’s measures, whereas local residents appear to be resigned to them.

“It’s hard to adapt and be locked up at

home, but we must be aware that we are not talking about a simple flu, this is a serious matter,” said Maria Vázquez, who stressed that young people must be more responsible.

“During the first State of Emergency, so much was said about coronavirus not affecting young people that they lowered their guard, added Guillem Adrover.



## Sanchez wants opposition support for curfew: Inside

### Heathrow Airport loses European crown during pandemic

London.—London’s Heathrow is no longer Europe’s busiest airport, ceding its long-held crown to Paris during the pandemic and blaming government inaction for its passenger numbers plunging even more than rivals.

Heathrow said Paris Charles de Gaulle had overtaken it as Europe’s busiest airport, dealing a blow to Britain’s global trade ambitions as the country’s current relationship with the European Union is due to end in two-

months time. The airport criticised the UK government for being slow to introduce an airport testing regime to replace 14-day quarantine rules, and said the delays were causing additional harm to the economy.