

**YOUR FULL FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST: SEE INSIDE**

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## Call for “wait and see” on summer holidays falls on deaf ears

*Palma.*— A call by British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab for Britons not to book their summer holidays yet has fallen on deaf ears with bookings for this summer with easyJet holidays up 250% on last year with the Balearics one of the key holiday destinations.

May is proving to be the most popular month for holidays, the budget airline’s chief executive revealed. Johan Lundgren told the BBC: “We know there is pent-up demand – we have seen that every time restrictions have been relaxed, and so we know that people want to go on holiday as soon as

they can. “We have been pleased to see that some customers are making plans for their summer holidays now, with easyJet holidays bookings for summer ‘21 up 250%, compared to the same time last year, and with May currently proving to be the most popular month for holiday bookings at the moment.”

Holiday company TUI said the vaccine roll-out in Britain had boosted summer bookings from those aged 50 and over, with that age group accounting for 50% of all web bookings since the end of last year.



# Eleven Covid deaths in 24 hours in Balearics

● The Balearic health ministry's report indicates 528 new positive cases – 291 in Majorca, 193 in Ibiza, 24 in Minorca and 20 in Formentera. There were 11 deaths

in the last 24 hours. The test rate is 9.26% from 5,701 tests, this having been down to 7.28% on Monday.

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## Spain's new coronavirus cases hit weekend record of 84,287

*Madrid*—Spain reported a record rise in coronavirus infections over the weekend and the number of new cases measured over the past 14 days spiked to 689 per 100,000 people on Monday from

575 on Friday, health ministry data showed. Nearly 84,300 new cases were reported since Friday, bringing the cumulative total to 2,336,451, the data showed.

## Spain to extend COVID furlough scheme until May

*Madrid.*— Spain will extend its scheme supporting hundreds of thousands of workers furloughed due to COVID-19 until May, Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said yesterday after the government, unions and business groups reached

an agreement on the issue.

The ERTE furlough scheme, which has benefited millions of workers since the beginning of the pandemic, had been due to expire on Jan. 31 under a previous such agreement.

As most of business restrictions were lifted during the past months following a nationwide lockdown, many furloughed workers returned to work though 755,000 were still on the state-supported furlough scheme in December.