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Chinese farmer who has made Majorca his home: See Inside

BALEARICS BACK ON COVID ALERT



● Number of Covid cases in the islands causes deep concern and prompts

Balearic government to issue a warning.

● Four cases of Omicron

variant have been confirmed in the Balearics.

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Nearly 70 ICU medics at Spanish hospital test positive after Christmas party



Palma.— Nearly 70 nurses and doctors working in the intensive care unit at a Spanish hospital have tested positive for COVID-19 after attending a Christmas party, health authorities said. Sixty-eight medics at the University Regional Hospital in Malaga had been diagnosed with the coronavirus, the Andalusian regional government said. Health authorities said they were investigating the source of the

infection but added all 68 attended a Christmas party on Dec. 1 at which 173 people were present.

Those who contracted COVID-19 all had antigen tests or the third booster vaccinations before attending the party, health authorities said.

Another possible source of the infection could have been a large meal for hospital staff, authorities said.

Those infected have shown mild symptoms. Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez warned people to remain vigilant against the coronavirus over Christmas. “We must not lower our guard,” he told journalists in Madrid. Health authorities in Andalusia and elsewhere have recommended staff at other public and private hospitals do not attend Christmas parties.

Green light for vaccine for children

Madrid.—The Spanish health commission rubber-stamped yesterday the vaccination against COVID-19 of children aged 5 to 11 following a recommendation by the European health regulator late last month.

The decision comes as the country, with a nationwide vaccination rate of nearly 80%, seeks to address an acceleration of COVID cases.

Inoculating children and young people, who can unwittingly transmit COVID-19 to others, is considered a critical step towards taming the pandemic.