


# Covid. Senior Italia FederAnziani: “In 2021 still 21,559 dead, mainly over 80. If we let our guard down, the slaughter of the elderly will continue”

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23 FEB – The average deaths in recent weeks, fortunately decreasing, must not be misleading, nor lead institutions and individuals to let their guard down with respect to a situation that not only still appears worrying, with a daily average of 305 deaths in the last week, but which risks worsening further in the near future, due to the spread of variants and the growth of infections expected in the coming days in some regions, such as Abruzzo, Basilicata, Campania, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmont, Tuscany, Umbria, and in the autonomous provinces of Trento and Bolzano. The forecasts relating to mortality as a whole do not change significantly, because in light of the average deaths of the last week, and the expectation of a new peak in March, we still risk facing the loss of more than fifty thousand lives before the summer.

During the month of January we have lost 14,357 lives which, adding to the 7,202 deaths that have occurred so far in February, lead to a total of 21,559, with an average of 414 deaths per day, mainly over 80. It is therefore necessary to proceed quickly on vaccinations and not to reduce attention to the prevention of infections.

“We welcome the agreement between the Government, Regions and trade unions for the involvement of general practitioners in the anti-Covid vaccination campaign, and also the extension of the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine up to the age of 65, two fundamental steps to create a new speed to the campaign itself – he declares **Roberto Messina**, National President of Senior Italia FederAnziani – We are also convinced that the President of the Draghi Council will be able to impose himself within the EU to get the necessary doses of vaccines. Finally, I appeal to the sensitivity of children and grandchildren of elderly people, asking them to hold on for a few more weeks. It is always necessary to pay the utmost attention to prevention measures, the correct use of masks, hygiene, distancing, making meetings less frequent and ensuring that they take place in maximum safety, perhaps in outdoor places, taking advantage of the temperatures milder, but always keeping away from crowded places. All this so that we can leave behind this terrible experience which has led to a dramatic loss of life, to the destruction of those human libraries that are our grandparents ”.

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