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## Soothing covid fatigue



Hardly had we quoted [Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#) of the WHO as saying that the "[pandemic is nowhere near over](#)," but one of his colleagues issued a more-optimistic assessment. [Dr. Hans Kluge](#), the WHO's regional director for Europe, echoed his boss in saying that the "pandemic is far from over" and that "it is almost a given that new covid-19 variants will emerge and return," but his main purpose was to give hope that the "emergency phase" could be ended this year and that we will be able to "address other health threats that urgently require our attention." There will probably be another wave, he said, but it shouldn't require the "return to pandemic-era, population-wide lockdowns or similar measures." He soothed the pain of the covid-fatigued masses, but without hinting at all about when the pandemic itself might be lifted. The approach of the Czech cabinet is similar. It's talking about an easing, but it's also working on a [pandemic law that would last forever](#).

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