

EU leaders to hold video call October 29 on virus surge

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EU leaders will hold a video summit on October 29 to discuss the sudden rise in Covid-19 cases across their continent, European sources said on Wednesday.

The meeting is expected to be the first in a series of regular video calls, the sources said, with European leaders eager to improve coordination to

slow the spread of the coronavirus and fix the pandemic-hit economy.

Hit by the [second wave](#) of the pandemic, Europe is increasing restrictions.

On Wednesday, Ireland became the first EU country to reconfine its entire population, and the signals are also in the [danger zone](#) in Italy, France, Belgium and Spain.

The pandemic has killed at least 1,126,465 people worldwide since the end of December, including more than 254,300 in Europe, according to AFP data on Wednesday.

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