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**Number of deaths declines but remains on a high level**

**Vienna**, 2021-01-08 – According to preliminary results by Statistics Austria, 2,246 people died in Austria in calendar week 51 (from 14 to 20 December 2020). This is 35.8% more than the five-year average (2015-2019) for the same calendar week.

"Despite a slight decrease, mortality in the corona pandemic is still very high. After the previous high in the 49th calendar week with 2,540 deaths and a mortality 58.5% higher than the average for the corresponding week in 2015 to 2019, the number of deaths fell for the second time in a row. In the 51st calendar week, 2,246 deaths were reported, which is 35.8% more than the five-year average. The excess mortality is also shown if changes in the population and age structure are controlled for", says Tobias Thomas, Director General of Statistics Austria.

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.