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**EU'S [REDACTED] TRAVEL' DILEMMA AFTER LISBON TRIP FORCES TOP OFFICIALS TO QUARANTINE**

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EU officials insisted Monday that a visit to Lisbon by a high-level Brussels delegation was essential business, even though the trip resulted in three European commissioners going into isolation because of coronavirus infection risks.

Fridays visit, led by Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, was intended to showcase the start of Portugals presidency of the Council of the EU. But with the countrys health system on the verge of collapse following a surge in COVID-19 infections, the trip has raised prickly questions about how the EU decides what official travel is essential enough to make an exception to national lockdown measures.

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