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SPANISH PM UNDER PRESSURE TO LAY OUT NEXT STEPS IN TACKLING PANDEMIC

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Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will this week detail further plans to manage the COVID-19 pandemic amid fierce criticism from the conservative opposition about the slow vaccination roll-out and controversy surrounding the AstraZeneca vaccine, EURACTIVs partner EFE reports.

Sánchez is set to address parliament on Wednesday, a week after Spains health ministry moved to restrict AstraZeneca doses to those aged 60-69.

The move followed an announcement by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) that cases of rare blood clots were mostly found in people below 60. The overall risk-benefit of the vaccine remains positive, it stressed.

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