The novel coronavirus in the Netherlands. What is the difference between the first wave and the second wave?

**First wave** March-June 2020
- Spread from Wuhan via other countries and continued from there

**Second wave** July 2020-now
- Widespread distribution, local, as well as new introductions from other countries

**15 October 2020**
- Virus spread unnoticed across the Netherlands
- Selective testing policy
- Treatment methods in pioneer phase (trial and error)

**Confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide**
- 60,000
- >35 million

**Mortality rate after ICU admission**
- First wave: 30%
- Second wave: 20%

**Hospitalisations and deaths**
- More men than women

**Average time in ICU due to COVID-19**
- First wave: 18.7 days
- Second wave: 14.7 days

**Average age of hospitalised patients**
- First wave: 67 years
- Second wave: 63 years

**Average time in hospital nursing ward**
- First wave: 8.2 days
- Second wave: 7.2 days

**Aim of the measures**
- First wave: Avoid exceeding maximum ICU capacity and protecting vulnerable groups
- Second wave: Maintain access to regular healthcare and protect vulnerable groups

**Estimated impact of the measures**
- We have a better understanding of the virus
- Everyone can get tested
- Better treatment methods
- Impact of measures can be calculated more accurately using data