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Today marks a key date for Anne Hidalgo in her race for the Elysée. The current Mayor of Paris is due to be named as the Parti Socialiste's official presidential candidate today following a vote by party members. Anne Hidalgo was tipped the favourite against her only rival, the Mayor of Le Mans, Stéphane Le Foll.

Emmanuel Macron is expected today in Seine-Saint-Denis. The President's visit concerns the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Macron is due to announce the construction of 5,000 more local sports facilities by 2024.

The head of the conseil scientifique has said he is "optimistic" about the progression of the coronavirus epidemic. Jean-François Delfraissy, in an interview with newspaper *Le Monde*, explained that the experts had not expected that the fourth wave would slow down so quickly. The reasons for this include the high uptake rate of vaccination in France and their high level of efficacy.

As a result of the improving coronavirus figures, from Monday primary school children in twelve more départements will no longer be required to wear masks during their lessons. The list was published this morning in the journal officiel.

The Tour de France fan whose huge sign caused a massive fall during the race will be appearing in court today. The young woman was taken into police custody after brandishing a sign by the side of the road that caused dozens of riders to come off their bikes and four to withdraw from the 2021 Tour. She risks up to 1 year in prison.

And finally, to next year's Tour de France, the 2022 route will be unveiled at 11.30 this morning by the Tour director, Christian Prud'homme. The 109<sup>th</sup> Tour de France will be leaving from Copenhagen in Denmark on July 1<sup>st</sup>.