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Should we fear a fifth wave of the coronavirus epidemic in France? The incidence rate has been rising sharply for a few days in France. The introduction of new measures will be debated this morning in the Defense Council. Among them is the return of compulsory masks in primary schools as of Monday, in departments where COVID-19 is actively circulating. The list of the territories concerned will be published tomorrow in the official journal.

In parallel, the American authorities have given the green light for the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 with the Pfizer bio-n-tech vaccine. 28 million children are concerned. President Joe Biden considers this a turning point in the fight against the coronavirus.

France's farewell to Angela Merkel. For his last official visit, Emmanuel Macron receives the German Chancellor this evening in the Côte d'Or. On this occasion, the German Chancellor will be presented with the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor. Angela Merkel will step down in December, after 16 years in power.

He has just taken office at the head of New York. Eric Admas was elected mayor of the city yesterday. The 61-year-old democrat and ex-police officer becomes the second African-American councilor in the history of New York.

A year after her release, the former hostage Sophie Pétronin is back in Mali to be as close as possible to her adopted daughter. This 76-year-old French humanitarian has, however, returned to the country illegally as she has no visa. Sophie Pétronin is actively sought by the Malian forces.