



## The News

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Mask-wearing is once again compulsory in primary schools in 61 départements – the consequence of the increase in Covid cases. This includes the areas in the Ile de France, the northern border, the south-east of France and the Pays de la Loire where the incidence rate exceeds the alert threshold of 50 cases per 100 thousand inhabitants.

MPs have decided to re-establish the deadline of July the 31st, 2022 for the health pass. Senators lowered this limit to February but will need to examine once again the bill over measures required.

In Glasgow, at Cop 26, 190 countries have promised to end the use of coal by 2030 – many of whom depend greatly on this, the most polluting energy source. Related to this issue, major world banks are committing to no longer finance coal-related projects.

Global carbon emissions will increase by nearly 5% in 2021. These are the conclusions of a study by the Global Carbon Project published today. With 36.4 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> originating from fossil fuels emitted this year, the planet is back to a level comparable to the period before COVID.

In what may be the last meeting before sanctions, the British Secretary of State for Brexit meets the French Secretary of State for European Affairs. David Frost and Clément Beaune will try to advance negotiations on the issue of fishing licenses. Boris Johnson's government has also welcomed the postponement of sanctions.

In New York, Eric Adams is now in his role as mayor. This former police officer and anti-racist activist is the second African-American to be elected to head the most populous city in the United States.

And finally to sport and news from the French football team. Didier Deschamps will unveil, this afternoon, his selection for the next matches for the French team. There are two qualifying matches for the 2022 World Cup – against Kazakhstan on November 13th and Finland on November 16<sup>th</sup>.