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Pupils once again find themselves in masks again this morning. Mask wearing is again compulsory as of today in all schools in France, without exception. Until now, the measure was only compulsory in 61 regions, but this has been extended to the country as a whole given the upsurge in the coronavirus epidemic. According to the latest report from Public Health France, the average number of new cases of Covid-19 has risen above 10,000 over a week.

Elsewhere in Europe, Austria has decided to put pressure on unvaccinated people. A confinement has been decreed from today, as only 65% of Austrians have a complete vaccination schedule. In Germany, access to restaurants without terraces, bars, gyms and hairdressing salons are prohibited to non-vaccinated people.

Less than a month before the Congress of Republicans, the 5 candidates met last night for a second debate on television. Xavier Bertrand, Éric Ciotti, Valérie Pécresse, Michel Barnier, and Philippe Juvin have discussed the theme of immigration at length, but also security. The next debate will be next Sunday, and members will choose their presidential candidate on December 4th.

The Fillon couple case is once again in court. The appeal trial of François and Pénélope Fillon opens today in the case of suspicion of fictitious jobs. The former Prime Minister was sentenced to 5 years in prison, including 2 years firm, a fine of 375,000 euros and 10 years of ineligibility for embezzlement of public funds.

The Council of State examines the appeal of the unions against the reform of unemployment insurance from today. They contest the new rule for calculating the allowance, which came into force on October 1st, which according to them, will penalize the compensation of job seekers alternating periods of work and inactivity. An appeal was already rejected at the end of October by the highest administrative court.