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We are currently at 10,000 new cases of covid per day in France, which is worrying public authorities. To try to stop the propagation of the epidemic the government is strengthening measures in schools: Masks are once again mandatory in grade schools across the country. Austria has chosen to impose a lockdown for unvaccinated people. They are allowed to leave their homes only to run errands, practice sports or for medical care.

The appeal trial opened this afternoon in front of the courthouse of Paris. François Fillon is retried with his wife Penelope in the case of suspicion of fictitious employment. The former Prime Minister is accused of "having hired his wife as parliamentary assistant for 8 years". In first instance a suspended sentence of 5 years and 2 years of actual prison time, with a 375,000 euro-fine and 10 years of ineligibility were pronounced. The trial will be held until November 30.

A couple was found dead in their home in Moselle. The 47-year-old man and his 49-year-old partner were found by their daughter who immediately called emergency services. The autopsy of the two bodies is scheduled in Nancy. An investigation is underway. The possibility of a voluntary homicide is being considered.

And in the UK, British police are now talking about a terrorist attack after a taxi exploded yesterday in front of a Liverpool hospital. Investigators believe the explosive device was made by the passenger who got in the vehicle before being blown up. Injured in the attack, the taxi driver is considered a hero by politicians who claim he avoided several deaths by locking the assailant in his vehicle before escaping.