



## The News

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Olivier Véran stated earlier in front of MPs that "we have apparently reached an epidemic peak". It remains to be seen whether contaminations will slow down or stabilize. In this context, the Minister of Health assured that the pressure in intensive care units will continue to increase during the next two weeks.

Covid infection can disrupt a pregnancy. This is what emerges from a study relayed by Paris hospitals, with in particular a higher risk of premature birth - A phenomenon twice as important among patients affected by the virus. These conclusions are in line with previous studies.

And Pfizer wants to be optimistic about its pill against Covid. The American laboratory announces that its treatment reduces hospitalizations and deaths for people at risk by nearly 90%. According to clinical trials, the pill must be taken in the first days after the onset of symptoms. Pfizer also announces that its treatment should remain effective against the Omicron variant.

And Alexandre Benalla is in custody after being heard this morning. The ex-bodyguard of Emmanuel Macron must give explanations on a security contract - A contract signed with a Russian oligarch. The court wants to know if Alexandre Benalla used his position at the Elysee to obtain this close protection contract.

A controversy is growing in relation to the speech of Emmanuel Macron tomorrow evening on TF1. During the pre-recorded two-hour program, the Head of State faces two journalists. This is criticized by the opposition as the presidential election will take place in just a few months. Valérie Pécresse has filed a complaint with the CSA. As for Marine Le Pen, she denounces an inequality of treatment.

And to finish, it's official: Claude Puel is no longer the coach of Saint-Etienne. The club announced this on social networks. The Greens are experiencing a very complicated first part of the season as they are last in Premier League and have won only 2 matches. Claude Puel is expected to be replaced by Pascal Dupraz, former coach of Caen and Toulouse.