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Emmanuel Macron is currently chairing a new health defense council at the Elysée. It is likely that the government will announce several measures, but apparently no curfew or lockdown. Self-tests may become free for the vaccinated a few days before the end-of- year celebrations. The time between the second and the third dose of vaccine may also be reduced to 3 months against 5 currently.

Meanwhile, in Denmark, all cultural sites are closing, including cinemas, theaters and concert halls. The objective is of course to slow the outbreak of Covid-19 cases. 11,000 new cases have been identified in the past 24 hours in the country, which is a record.

In the rest of the news: He will not withdraw his candidacy for the presidential election. The ecologist Yannick Jadot stands his ground after the declaration of intent of Christiane Taubira. In a 3-minute video published today on social networks, the former Keeper of the Seals indicated that she was considering being a candidate and putting all her strength into the last chances of a union of the left. As for the socialist candidate Anne Hidalgo, she is in favor of a primary for the left and proposed to her political family a televised debate.

The Nanterre public prosecutor's office has opened a new investigation targeting the former presenter Patrick Poivre d'Arvor. A woman accuses him of having raped her during the Cannes Film Festival in 1985; she was then 23 years old. In addition, a judicial investigation was opened following another complaint that was filed at the end of November by the journalist Florence Porcel. Here again, she blames Patrick Poivre d'Arvor of acts of sexual assault.

And then be careful if you plan on taking the train today. SNCF traffic is disrupted on the South-East axis with about half of the scheduled trains canceled. The call to strike was lifted too late and as a result, the SNCF did not have time to get organized. Traffic is expected to be back to normal tomorrow for the first weekend of the end-of-the-year celebrations.