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The Omicron variant is now the dominant strain in the United States. This strain of the coronavirus represents 73% of new contaminations in the country. This rate even rises to 90% for the New York region alone. Faced with this, the American president Joe Biden will announce new measures today, although confinement is ruled out

As a first since May, the threshold of 3,000 covid patients in critical care has been crossed. For the moment no containment in sight, or even a curfew, and the executive is relying more on vaccinations. The vaccination campaign will be accelerated from tomorrow, at which point all children aged 5-11 years will be able to receive an injection. The Haute Autorité de Santé gave the green light for the vaccination of this age group.

Also in the news, a hostage-taking is in progress in the 12th arrondissement of Paris. A woman has been kidnapped since yesterday afternoon by a 56-year-old man armed with a bladed weapon and who is known to suffer from psychiatric problems. In the evening, a hostage was freed. The suspect's intentions are still unclear, but he asked to meet with the Minister of Justice Eric Dupond-Moretti. Negotiations are continuing this morning.

The Court of Cassation rules today on his request to hear the highest magistrate of France, François Molins, in the investigation of the Court of Justice of the Republic which targets him for "illegal taking of interest". The Minister of Justice Eric Dupond-Moretti disputes the refusal of the three magistrates of the investigative committee of the CJR to hear the prosecutor at the Court of Cassation.