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From today, 5-11 year olds not suffering from comorbidities can be vaccinated against covid. The High Authority of Health gave the green light on Monday. All that remains is the green light from the vaccination strategy steering committee to extend vaccination to this age group. The first injections could therefore begin this afternoon in vaccination centers.

Figures continue to rise as the holidays approach, with 73,000 new cases recorded on Monday. According to the Minister of Health Olivier Véran, the Omicron variant today represents 20% of cases in France and could become the majority in the coming days.

In companies, the idea of a health pass for employees is fading. The measure will not appear in the bill presented to the Council of Ministers on Monday. There is a lack of sufficient consensus according to Matignon. To curb the spread of the virus in business, the Minister of Labor Elisabeth Borne wishes to strengthen teleworking, with 3 or even 4 days per week of work at home if possible.

In the rest of the news, a detainee at the Osny remand center in the Val d'Oise is currently wanted. He managed to escape yesterday taking advantage of a medical extraction. Once in the parking lot of the Pointoise hospital, the detainee managed to escape with his accomplice. The search continues this morning.

Prostate cancer linked to exposure to chlordecone is now recognized as an occupational disease. A decree to this effect was published today. Chlordecone is a pesticide authorized between 1972 and 1993 in banana plantations in the West Indies. Its toxicity had been known since the 1960s.

And an incredible find in China. A beautifully preserved dinosaur embryo, dating back at least 66 million years ago has been found by scientists. This dinosaur would have been ready to hatch, which is a first in fossils.