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The government continues to bet on vaccination to fight against the 5th wave of COVID-19. After a health defense council, Prime Minister Jean Castex confirmed last night that the time to receive the booster dose is reduced, to 3 months after the last injection. This measure comes into force today, and the objective is to reduce serious forms and the risk of hospitalizations. Regarding the transformation of the health pass into a vaccination pass from January 15th, the text will be examined tomorrow by the deputies.

Other measures announced yesterday by Jean Castex. No more than 2,000 people indoors, and 5,000 people outdoors. Concerts will no longer have standing space, and we will no longer be able to eat or drink in performance halls or on public transport. These measures come into force from Monday.

Minister of the Interior Gérald Darmanin will bring together all the political formations during a commission to decide on the modalities of organization of the presidential election in the face of the health crisis. No date for this commission has yet been set.

Also in the news, the search launched yesterday by the Argentinian rescuers. They are trying to find two French mountaineers missing in the Andes. The two men sent a distress signal as they attempted to climb one of the highest volcanoes in the world.

In the United States, an investigation was opened last night by the Los Angeles police after a 14-year-old girl was killed last Thursday in a changing room by a stray bullet fired by a police officer. The latter intervened for an assault in a store.

And finally, Clarisse Agbégnénou and Julian Alaphilippe have been named champions of 2021 by the sports daily L'Equipe, for the 3rd time. The judokate Agbégnénou won 2 gold medals at the Olympic Games this summer, and the cyclist Alaphilippe has been crowned world champion for the second year in a row.