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Nurses working in critical care services will receive a bonus of 100 euros in January. This announcement was made this morning by Prime Minister Jean Castex who visited an intensive care unit in Créteil in the Val de Marne. According to the minister, 24,000 people will receive this bonus. According to him, the situation in hospitals during this fifth wave of COVID-19 is "extremely tense".

We will soon be able to buy self-tests in supermarkets. The order for sale outside pharmacies was published this morning in the official journal. However, this authorization will run on an exceptional basis until January 31st. In recent days, many pharmacies were out of stock amid high demand this holiday season.

In schools, the start of the new school year is still set for next Monday. This morning, the Minister of Education Jean-Michel Blanquer announced a new, more demanding health protocol. Students will need to take at least two negative tests several days apart if they want to return to class after a positive case has been detected in class.

Also on the vaccination front, the time lag for the booster dose is, from today, reduced to 3 months after the last injection. Previously, you had to wait 4 months to receive your third dose.

In the rest of the news, they had until today to comply with the rules of the CSA. Five pornographic sites prohibited to minors are threatened with being blocked if they do not strengthen the control of the age of users. Three associations for the protection of children have raised this issue in the audiovisual sector.

The Beauvais mosque is now closed for six months by the Oise prefecture. Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin initiated the administrative closure procedure on December 14th, due in particular to sermons "inciting hatred", "violence", and "advocating jihad".

And finally, Clarisse Agbégénou and Julian Alaphilippe have been named champions of 2021 by the sports daily L'Equipe, for the 3rd time. The judokate Agbégénou 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.