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A record number of new cases of COVID-19 were detected in the past 24 hours in France: the figure was nearly 180,000 last night according to Public Health France. This record is driven by the results of numerous tests carried out last weekend at Christmas time.

The bill to transform the health pass into a vaccine pass will be presented at 2:30 p.m. before the Law Commission of the National Assembly. A hearing with Minister of Health Oliver Véran is also scheduled. The text provides that from January 15th, a simple negative test is no longer sufficient to access bars, restaurants, places of leisure, or even inter-regional transport. Only a complete vaccination course will allow for entry.

And abroad, the situation is similar. The World Health Organization estimated that the global risk associated with the new variant Omicron remains very high. In addition to France, new daily contamination records were broken last night in the United Kingdom, Greece, and Argentina. Finland has closed its borders to unvaccinated foreign visitors.

In the rest of the news, in the Middle East, an attempt at dialogue in a first official meeting since 2010 between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and a member of the Israeli government, the Minister of Defense Benny Gantz. The two men discussed last night the implementation of economic and civil measures to "strengthen security coordination" between the two territories.

Four departments have an orange weather warning for rain and floods this morning. These are Isère, Ain, Savoie, and Haute Savoie. The Savoie and Haute Savoie are also affected by avalanches: the mild temperatures make the snowpack unstable.