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Emmanuel Macron is back on home turf today as he begins a four-day visit to the Hauts de France department. The President will spend the afternoon in a carehome in order to talk to both caregivers and residents. Then, he will go straight to Guise, a stronghold of Xavier Bertrand, who is chairperson of the region and a potential opponent in the presidential election. Emmanuel Macron will use the opportunity to explain the benefits of state-funded projects in the area.

The President has been quoted in the local press in the Hauts de France this morning. Newspaper Le Voix du Nord reports that Emmanuel Macron has stressed the worrying nature of the ongoing health crisis. The President has confirmed that right now, a lockdown for unvaccinated people is unnecessary. That very same measure has just come into force in Austria this week, while in Germany, unvaccinated people are now not allowed access to restaurants or cultural places. It is now also mandatory for caregivers in Germany to be vaccinated. Working from home has now come into force for anyone who can. Germany reported 65,000 new cases yesterday, an unprecedented figure.

And finally, it is eyes to the skies for people on the continent of the Americas this morning. An almost total lunar eclipse is taking place, the longest for nearly 600 years. The phenomenon, which started at 8:19 our time, will last for more than 3 hours. Unfortunately, NASA has confirmed that everyone in France and Europe will just have to miss out on the celestial sight.