

The News

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Contaminations continue to soar in France. According to Olivier Véran, Santé Publique France will announce this evening that nearly 300,000 cases were identified within the past 24 hours, which is a new record. MPs will examine the bill on the vaccination pass from 6pm. Earlier Jean Castex criticized the attitude of the opposition which voted yesterday evening to suspend the session, despite the tense sanitary context.

While Omicron is causing mass contaminations, the government announces that the children of caregivers will be admitted to school even if their class has closed. The objective is to allow their parents to continue working. The list of health professions concerned will be announced during the day.

The pandemic causes the cancellation of the concert of *Les Enfoirés* originally scheduled for January 20 to 24 in Montpellier. The cancellation that will cause significant financial consequences for the *Restos du Coeur*. The organizers are proposing for those who wish, to not request a reimbursement of their tickets to help the association.

Between 1.5 and 2 million boxes of self-tests were sold in supermarkets last week. As a reminder, the sale of self-tests outside pharmacies is exceptionally authorized until January 31.

The avian flu pandemic continues to spread in France. 41 farms are now infected, mainly in the South-West. A first case was detected in Vendée. More than 650,000 poultry have already been slaughtered in France.

And the trial of the attacks of November 13 may resume Thursday. The trial had been suspended after Salah Abdeslam tested positive for the Covid, at the end of December. The accused is detained in the prison of Fleury-Mérogis where several contaminations were detected.

In tennis, Novak Djokovic will defend his title in the Australian Open. The Serbian has obtained a medical exemption from vaccination. The world number 1 player has never disclosed his vaccination status but has repeatedly expressed his reluctance. The Australian Open will begin on January 17 in Melbourne.

And then in soccer, the goalkeeper of the PSG Gianluigi Donnarumma has tested positive for covid. The Parisian club currently has five infected players, including Lionel Messi.