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Jean Castex defends the controversial sentence of Emmanuel Macron in the National Assembly. He accuses the unvaccinated of fracturing the nation and congesting emergency services. He added that "Being a citizen includes duties".

In terms of health, the government spokesperson Gabriel Attal believes that the increase in contamination will continue in the coming days and maybe even in the next few weeks. He describes "stratospheric levels" in several regions, especially in Ile-de-France and in Corsica. On the other hand, the spokesperson of the government indicated that the Omicron variant is two to three times less dangerous than the Delta variant.

Meanwhile, five new overseas territories are placed in a state of sanitary emergency: Guadeloupe, Guyana, Mayotte, Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthélemy. After an outbreak of cases, the state of sanitary emergency authorizes the Prime Minister to resort to lockdowns or curfews if the situation requires so.

Sanofi is found responsible for a lack of vigilance and information on the risks of Depakine. The antiepileptic drug has caused serious malformations, sometimes fatal, in the children of patients. The court also rendered its decision on the admissibility of the class action for the victims of this medication.

Salah Abdeslam might appear tomorrow at the trial of the attacks of November 13. He is able to be heard, after testing positive for Covid at the end of December. The accused is detained in the prison of Fleury-Mérogis, where several outbreaks of contamination have been recently detected.

The funeral of the Bogdanov brothers will take place next Monday in Paris in the church of the Madeleine. Their burial will then take place in private, probably in the Gers, their native land. The two show hosts passed a few days apart, after contracting Covid.

As for soccer, Bordeaux officially requests the postponement of its first game of premier league against Marseille, scheduled for Friday. The Girondins still have 17 players unavailable because of the epidemic. Lorient also asks for the postponement of its match against Lille. Twelve of their players are currently self-isolating.