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The public health situation in the country's schools is becoming increasingly serious. Right now, 9,202 classes are closed because of covid, a figure three times higher than on December 16. More than 47,000 pupils have tested positive since the start of the school year according to the Ministry of National Education.

The government has relaxed some of the health protocol for schools. From now on, pupils will no longer have to do the three tests if another covid case is detected in the same class within seven days or less.

A cluster has been identified at Villepinte prison. 179 cases of covid 19 have been confirmed out of the 988 inmates. Prisoners are confined in two wings of two different buildings. The visiting room is no longer available and collective activities and workshops have been canceled.

The next date in the trial of the November 13 attacks in Paris has been pushed back to Tuesday. The special Paris assize court has accepted the request for medical counter-expertise claimed by the defendant's lawyers. Salah Abdeslam tested positive for covid19 on December 27.

Two journalists have been murdered in Haiti at the hands of a gang. The two Haitian reporters were killed in a shootout in an area under the control of armed gangs. There has been unrest in the Caribbean country for months on end.

And finally, who were France's most listened to artists in 2021? Rappers Jul, Ninho and Orelsan take the top three spots for last year. The ranking was revealed as it is every year by the National Union of Phonographic Publishing. Normand Orelsan took the top spot, with his only album, Civilization having garnered more than 338,000 sales.