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Discussion on the law that will see the vaccine pass enter into force continues today in the Senate. The bill is expected to be approved on a first reading with some modifications.

The measure that would require bar cafe and restaurant owners to check pass holders' identities has already been withdrawn overnight by the senators. However, members of the lower house can reinstate this provision in future. The vaccine pass should enter into force from next week.

Experts at the WHO say to expect a "tidal wave" of covid cases over the coming months due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. The World Health Organisation estimates that more than half of all Europeans will have been infected with this strain of the virus within the space of two months.

Nonetheless, the country's economy is currently holding firm against the pandemic, with growth rising to 0.6% in the fourth quarter of 2021 according to the Banque de France. This growth confirms the forecast of a GDP increase of 6.7% over the whole year.

A tribute will be taking place today to the lives affected by the explosion on Paris' rue de Trévis which happened a year ago today. The explosion, which was the result of a gas leak, cost the lives of four people and injured sixty. The tribute in Paris' 9th arrondissement gets underway at 9am.

And finally, good news for the nation's bargain hunters, the winter sales kick off today and will see promotions in stores for the next four weeks.