

The News

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They are demanding higher wages as the cost of living rises. Public and private employees are demonstrating today throughout France. 170 rallies were organized at the call of unions. Nearly 9% of teachers are on strike, according to the Ministry of Education.

When will Emmanuel Macron announce his candidacy? It seems that we are getting closer since *La République en Marche* is launching a website today to organize its campaign and bring together voters. The website, called "Avec vous 2022.fr" praises the actions of our current president.

Meanwhile, on the left, the popular primary began this morning on the internet. Participants are invited to decide between seven candidates by Sunday. Former Justice Minister Christiane Taubira seems to be the favorite of the ballot.

A fourth dose of the vaccine against the coronavirus is not yet being considered. With the data that has been made available so far, the Vaccine Strategy Orientation Council is not in favor of a fourth vaccine – at least for now. The only exception is for people who are severely immunocompromised, for whom the Council has already recommended the systematic injection of another booster dose.

Three people were arrested and placed in police custody following the attack last weekend in Perpignan of LREM MP, Romain Grau. He was targeted for having voted in favor of the vaccination pass. Among the three suspects arrested, two are already known to the police for violence and assault. The Minister of Justice Eric Dupond-Moretti is in Perpignan this afternoon and visited the office of Romain Grau.

While Great Britain lifted its restrictions today, Catalonia is abolishing the sanitary pass, deemed ineffective against Omicron. The sanitary pass has been in effect in the Spanish region since the end of November to enter bars, restaurants and sports halls. If the number of cases is still very high in Catalonia, hospitals are not as saturated as authorities had feared.