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In Isle de la Reunion, 30 thousand homes are without water and 35 thousand without electricity as the cyclone Batte-si-Rail hits the island. At least twelve people have been injured. The red weather alert continues for heavy rain and strong winds reaching 200kmh. The island's residents remain at home while waiting for the storm to pass.

The Minister of Health was on BFMTV yesterday to give an update on the public health situation in France. Olivier Veran told viewers that the omicron variant peak of contamination has passed. Health restrictions can now begin to ease, with a potential end date for the vaccine pass of July. Mr Veran also explained that from now on, "an injection equals an infection". People who have tested positive for coronavirus after two shots now do not need a third booster dose to have a complete vaccination record.

A fifth patient escaped from a psychiatric hospital in Toulouse yesterday morning. The 26-year-old man ran from Purpan hospital and was picked up the same day. The disappearance was immediately reported to the police, who managed to locate the patient at Toulouse train station during the afternoon.

Essential workers will be demonstrating in Paris today. The union, the CFDT, has called a march for workers who had to continue to do their jobs outside the home during the various lockdowns. Today's rally calls for better recognition and better working conditions. The march will get underway at 11:30 a.m. in front of the Beaugrenelle shopping mall in Paris' 15th arrondissement.

And to wrap up, a reminder of the Winter Olympics in Beijing which officially begin tomorrow. Tomorrow sees the opening ceremony, while qualifying events have already begun.