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The so-called freedom convoys that set off earlier this week from all over the country will be converging on Paris today. The convoy of several hundred drivers, bikers and truckers has formed in order to protest the government response to the public health situation. From Paris, some of the convoy will continue to a Europe-wide rally in Brussels. The concept of the “freedom convoy” was first seen in Canada.

And in Canada, the latest from the freedom convoy there is that truckers have blocked a major road crossing point on the border with the United States. The Ambassador Bridge, between Detroit and Windsor, has been impossible to cross since Monday. The American authorities have reached out to Canadian President Justin Trudeau, to intervene to resolve the situation.

Another round of announcements is expected today regarding health protocol in schools. Minister of Education Jean Michel Blanquer will be addressing a letter to staff in educational institutes across the country. Right now, there are several ways forward on the table. These could include an end to pupils wearing masks outdoors, a reduction in the number of self-tests children must take in the event of a positive covid test in their class, and a return to children being dispersed to different classes if a teacher is absent.

Emmanuel Macron, along with several other Heads of State, is expected in Brest today for the last day of the One Ocean Summit. The past few days have seen the first ever summit dedicated entirely to protecting the world’s oceans. Emmanuel Macron will be giving a speech to delegates in the afternoon.

The appeal case of Cédric Jubillar continues today, as the man convicted for killing his wife Delphine will be questioned by the judges today. In particular, Jubillar will have to explain statements from his former cellmate that claim Cédric Jubillar told him that he killed his wife.

And finally to Beijing and the latest on the Winter Olympics. There was disappointment for Tessa Worley who finished 19th in the Super G this morning. But hopes remain for more French medals today, Maurice Manificat who is competing in the cross-country skiing. As for the women's biathlon, there are four French athletes in the running at 10 a.m.