

## The News © February 16th, 9am by Nia Cason



France has won another medal in the Beijing Winter Olympics. The skier Clément Noël won Gold this morning in the men's slalom. This is the 13th medal for the French delegation, and the 4th Gold.

And in the rest of the news, a return to something resembling normal life for many. From today, standing consumption in bars is again possible, as is eating and drinking in cinemas, stadiums, and public transport. A new stage in the lifting of health restrictions also marked by the reopening of nightclubs to those with a vaccine pass. This is a relief for professionals in the sector after 10 weeks of closure. The improvement in the health situation has been confirmed, with 142,000 new cases of covid in the last 24 hours in France. These figures have therefore decreased, as has the number of daily hospitalizations, which has reduced by 26% over one week.

In Meurthe-et-Moselle, 2 children, aged 9 months and 2 and a half years, were killed, probably suffocated by their mother. The father of the family was attacked with a hammer, but was not seriously injured. The 35-year-old mother, apparently psychologically fragile, tried to commit suicide before the arrival of the gendarmes. She has been placed in police custody.

A crisis at the National Rally. Two months before the presidential election, Nicolas Bay, spokesman for Marine Le Pen's campaign, is suspended from all his functions. He is accused of having provided confidential information to the party of Eric Zemmour.

The Court of Auditors today publishes its traditional annual report, responsible for awarding good and bad marks to public policies. Twenty chapters, more than 700 pages, and 60 recommendations have been entirely devoted this year to the management of the health crisis. The report examines the functioning of the administration and the policies deployed by the State during this period.