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The seventh wave of covid is on the decline. For the first time in six weeks, the circulation of the virus is decreasing even if it remains at a high level with 90,000 new cases daily according to *Santé Publique France*. However, hospitalizations remain high, and deaths continue to rise. The current wave is carried by the sub-variants of Omicron, in particular the BA.5 variant, which is now a majority.

And it is within this context that caregivers who have not been vaccinated against covid will not be able to return to work. The Minister of Health declared that the executive was following the advice of authorities. Francois Braun says that he will bring together trade unions from the beginning of next week to explain the situation. As a reminder, unvaccinated caregivers have been suspended since September 2021.

After 10 days of fighting the flames, the situation seems to be improving in Gironde. The fires are now contained, thanks to the mobilization some 1,800 firefighters still deployed on site. The firefighters are supported by 4 canadairs, and a water bomber helicopter. 6000 people were able to return to their homes yesterday evening.

Last night in Marseille the body of a man shot dead was found charred in a car in the 13th arrondissement. This case comes the day after another homicide, this time in the 4th arrondissement, where a 21-year-old man, known to the police, was killed.

The announcement was particularly awaited by the international community: Ukraine and Russia have signed an agreement with Turkey to allow an exit by the Black Sea of Ukrainian cereals. Currently 25 million tons of cereals are blocked in ports because of the Russian offensive in Ukraine.

And then there are still 18 departments under orange weather alert. The Hérault is added to the southern departments and is placed under alert for heat wave. In the north, thunderstorms are concerning with the 4 departments of Eure, Seine Maritime, Oise and Somme under orange alert as well.