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The government wants to speed up vaccination against monkeypox and as a result, a large vaccination centre will be opened in Paris today. "The number of doses is sufficient for the population at risk" assured the Minister of Health. The local government in Paris yesterday called for emergency measures to obtain more vaccination doses and health personnel. Half of the confirmed cases detected in France are concentrated in the Ile de France area.

There has been a new setback for the government at the National Assembly. The alliance between the Republican, Nupes and National Rally MPs have been pushing for a possible rebate on heating fuel against the advice of the executive – aid worth €230 million in the battle against inflation. The government has put forward a more targeted measure of €50 million for low-income households.

The south of France has been put on alert due to a very high risk of fires in the Mediterranean area. Occitanie, Provence and Corsica should also be vigilant with worrying conditions including wind, heat and very dry vegetation. In the Gironde, the fire situation is gradually improving and the fire in Landiras is now under control as announced by the local préfet. All evacuated residents can now return to their homes. More than 21,000 hectares have been burned in just under 2 weeks.

A nursery in Bordeaux has been closed for three months by the préfecture. This is down to reported "inappropriate words being used in the nursery car park". An establishment from the same private group has already been suspended in Lyon after the death of a child.

And finally, after a meeting between President Macron and key ministers yesterday, the official slogan of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024 has been announced: "Let's get the Games open". After the incident during the Champions League final at the Stade de France, the Minister of the Interior and the head of police wanted to be "reassuring". Every day there will be between 7,000 and 11,000 police officers on the streets to ensure safety and calm.