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Firefighters have been called to two large fires in the Hérault, northeast of Montpellier. Around 100 inhabitants have already been evacuated as a precaution. The flames have already consumed more than 350 hectares of pine forest since this morning. The weather conditions, in particular the wind, are unfavorable in terms of the spread of the fire. Three Canadair firefighting planes and 500 firefighters are on site.

The second booster dose of the anti-covid vaccine is now open to health professionals. However, it will not be compulsory, specifies the general directorate of health, which also indicates that medical and social professionals are also now eligible. Until now, it has only been accessible to people who are immunocompromised or at risk of serious forms, their relatives, and people over 60 years old.

The government also wants to speed up the fight against monkey pox. A large vaccination center opened its doors today in Paris. Medical students will be mobilized to provide shots. Nearly 1,600 cases have been identified in France since the onset of the disease, half of them in the IIe de France. To date, more than 6,000 people have received this vaccination.

Europe wants to gradually break away from Russian gas. An agreement was reached in Brussels today between EU member states to reduce their consumption by 15% between this summer and March 2023. This agreement comes after a new drastic drop in Russian deliveries. The volumes passing through the Nord Stream gas pipeline will be halved from tomorrow.

Russia will leave the International Space Station "after 2024". The announcement was made today by the head of the Russian space agency during an interview with Vladimir Putin. Moscow now has ambitions to create its own orbital station.

And in the sport, the 3rd stage of the women's Tour de France was won this afternoon by the Danish Cécilie Ludwig. The Dutch Marianne Vos finished 2nd and kept her yellow jersey.