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Today is the second plenary session for the national council of refoundation. This new body will focus today on schools, health and housing. The controversial consultive body has faced opposition since it was set up three months ago from other political parties and some unions.

The political party les Républicans have a new chairperson. Eric Ciotti was elected yesterday with 53.7% of the vote. The member of parliament for the Alpes came ahead of ahead of Bruno Retailleau. After the results the new leader wanted to thank the party activists and promised unity and clarity within the party.

The French are in favour of masks returning to public transport. 76% of people questioned as part of an Odoxa poll for the newpasper Le Figaro published yesterday said that they would be in favour of it being compulsory to wear a mask on all public transport. For now, the government has not reintroduced this measure to combat the 9th wave of the covid 19 epidemic.

An octogenarian has been accused of killing his 21-year-old neighbour. The 83-year-old man was arrested this weekend in Charleville Mézière. He has been charged with murder and has admitted to shooting the young man. The pensioner stated that he had enough of the drinking and smoking cannabis that had gone on in the hallway of his building.

Karim Benzema has sent a message of support to the French team. The striker was unable to make the World Cup but has taken to social networks to show he is behind les Bleus. He said "Come on guys, 2 more games, we're almost there, we're right behind you". France will play Morocco in Wednesday's semi-final.