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SNCF controllers will be on strike this weekend. Confronted with this, Olivier Véran has said that Christmas is not the time to be on strike. The railway unions have not formally launched a call for a strike, and Sud-Rail and the CGT have maintained their notices, leaving it to each controller to join the movement or not. On Friday, on average, 2 out of 3 trains should be running. The SNCF has announced that canceled trains will be reimbursed by up to 200%. Users will also be able to exchange their tickets for another day, free of charge.

In Perpignan, the town hall has been officially ordered to withdraw the Christmas crib installed within. This was the decision of the Administrative Court of Montpellier, which decided in favor of the League of Human Rights. According to the association, the presence of a nursery in the town hall is contrary to the fundamental principles of laïcité. The mayor of Perpignan, Louis Aliot, has stated that he will keep the nursery in the town hall until January 2.

The flu epidemic continues to progress in France, at particularly high levels for this time of year. The peak is still ahead of us, and all regions are on maximum alert. On the other hand, the ninth wave of the coronavirus is leveling off, and the bronchitis epidemic has been declining for two weeks, even if the indicators remain at very high levels.

In a historic event, President Volodymyr Zelensky was received at the White House today. This was his first trip outside the Ukrainian borders since the beginning of the war. After an interview with his counterpart Joe Biden, he will speak before the American Congress. Parliamentarians are preparing to vote on a new massive package of support for Ukraine of nearly 45 billion dollars.