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Tension for French hospital services. The Minister of Health François Braun will today meet with the ARS, the CHUs, and the hospital federations concerning the situation of hospitals. Already faced with the challenges of a triple epidemic, hospitals now have to deal with the doctors' strike. The president of Samu-Urgences de France believes that this movement comes at the worst of times.

Meanwhile, the ninth wave of the coronavirus epidemic is easing in France. According to the president of the Committee for monitoring and anticipating health risks, Brigitte Autran, we are passing the peak number of contaminations and hospitalizations.

The driver suspected of having fatally run over a teenager in Montpellier has been found after being on the run for nearly 2 weeks. The victim, a 14-year-old boy, was violently killed after being hit by a driver in Montpellier amid clashes between rival football fans. On the run, the motorist had taken refuge in Andalusia, with members of his distant family. He was finally found early this morning at the Spanish border. He will today answer to the investigating magistrate for his probable arrest.

Fifty people have died in the United States after the violent winter storm that hit the country. For the governor of New York State, where more than half of the deaths have been, this extreme event is not over, and up to 30 centimeters of snow could still fall. Electricity has been restored in more than 13,000 homes, but another 12,000 are still without power.

In Spain, there is a welcome boost from the government. The abolition of VAT on basic necessities has just been announced, which should help to compensate for inflation. Bread, milk, and even fruit and vegetables will drop in price from January 1st. Some families will also receive aid of 200 euros.