

FRANCE IS FACING A RESUMPTION OF THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC WITH 2ND CONSECUTIVE RISE

OVER 1,000 CASES UP TOLL

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USPA NEWS - "Viral circulation is sharply increasing in France with an R of 1.3", warns the Directorate General of Health this evening, which observes that "with a number of daily cases greater than 1000, we have returned to levels comparable to those at the end of the confinement period ". Thus, 1,130 new cases were diagnosed in 24 hours, according to Public Health France. This is the second consecutive increase of over 1,000 cases. 30,192 people have died since the start of the epidemic, 10 more than yesterday. 5,720 patients are currently hospitalized, including 410 in intensive care (26 less than yesterday). 11 new clusters have been identified in France in the past 24 hours: a total of 215 outbreaks are active to date, including 127 under investigation. [Updated on Friday July 24 at 9:35 pm] These figures do not take into account deaths from COVID-19, at home, or those of disabled people who died in specialized centers. We apologize for having published figures since the start of the epidemic, without seeing any mention of these fatalities, as they are unavailable from French health authorities.

VIRAL CIRCULATION IS CLEARLY INCREASING IN FRANCE WITH A R OF 1.3-----

Viral circulation is clearly increasing in France with an R of 1.3. With a number of daily cases exceeding 1,000, we have returned to levels comparable to those at the end of the confinement period. We have thus erased a good part of the progress that we had made in the first weeks of deconfinement.-----

It is more than ever necessary to find a collective discipline: teleworking, reduction of unnecessary exposure and especially the test in the slightest doubt (484,000 tests performed per week), automatic isolation in the event of symptoms or contact with a carrier of the virus or a sick person are essential to limit the epidemic resumption.-----

Feedback from the field indicates in particular that the French have less tendency to isolate themselves when they are tested positive for the virus: the general directorate of health wishes to recall how essential this is to limit transmissions between individuals and to protect the oldest and most vulnerable among us. People over 65 and those with long-term illnesses need to be more vigilant than ever against this viral circulation and risky contacts. Those who respect all barrier gestures, physical distancing and who isolate themselves as soon as they are in contact or symptomatic, therefore protect others, starting with their loved ones. It is thanks to them that we will reverse the epidemic. Today, 188 countries are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Almost 15.6 million people have been affected, 634,405 people have died, but nearly 8.9 million people have recovered. Europe remains heavily impacted with more than 2.7 million cases and 201,444 deaths.-----

The virus is circulating throughout the country, as shown by the number of "clusters" (581 cases grouped including those detected in nursing homes since May 9; 11 new since yesterday, but 366 closed). SOS Médecins performed 270 operations for suspected COVID-19, or 3.4% of the total activity. The emergency services noted 214 passages for the same reason, or 0.6% of the total activity. 5,720 people are hospitalized with COVID-19 infection. 410 patients with a severe form are hospitalized in intensive care. 4 regions (Ile de France, Grand-Est, Hauts-de-France and Guyana) account for 69% of patients hospitalized in intensive care. In Overseas Territories, there are 190 hospitalizations, including 37 in intensive care. Since the start of the epidemic, 106,643 people have been hospitalized and 80,815 people have returned home. 30,192 people died in France, including 19,676 people in hospitals and 10,516 in social and medico-social establishments (ESMS). Santé Publique France informs us that the ESMS figures will be updated on Tuesday, July 28. Source: French Ministry of Health

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