

## FRENCH PMT MACRON DECIDED TO KEEP UP WITH THE CURFEW RATHER THAN LOCKDOWN

### PM JEAN CASTEX UNVEILS THE MEASURES

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**USPA NEWS** - As every Thursday, the Prime Minister, Jean Castex held his press point, alongside the Ministers of Labor, Elisabeth Borne, of the Interior, Gerald Darmanin, delegate in charge of industry, Agnes Panier-Runacher, and of health, Olivier Veran to discuss the epidemic situation. The French Prime Minister Jean Castex, affirmed "We must hold together, act together" affirmed during a press conference, Thursday February 4th. The government preferred to appeal to the responsibility of each, rather than giving in to announce a new confinement which would be dramatic for the French economy and also for the morale of the French who are going through anguish, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. "To avoid this third confinement, if everyone maintains the barrier gestures, gets tested, isolates themselves, then the confinement will not be postponed for a few weeks but to avoid it, it is the executive's bet" The strategy to be implemented from now on is Test, Alert, Protect.

#### A NEW LOCKDOWN CAN ONLY BE THE LAST REMEDY EXPLAINED PM JEAN CASTEX-----

The French Prime Minister Jean Castex, justified the non-confident decision to maintain the curfew before 6h pm, already in place for a month, because the health situation is not yet alarming, despite the circulation of British variants in France: "This is why a new reconfinement can only be the last resort. level of incidence is very high, but still lower than last October, when we were screening. If you are forced to because of the rapid deterioration of the situation, we will take our responsibility, our objective is to do everything possible to avoid this confinement. We are all unshing to act together more than ever. The time has not come to alleviate health measures and more particularly employees in sectors who have not resumed their student activity. I understand their dismay, what they want is to work, I understand them, but it is not yet possible "thus explained PM Jean Castex, by introducing the "status quo" measures concerning the maintenance of curfew fixed at 6hpm, at the dawn of the start of the winter social holidays, because the COVID-19 contamination situation is "under control", despite the opinions of two scientific councils, which had recommended, however, a new containment, to avoid the saturation of hospitals, since the arrival of the British Variant whose contagiousity is amplified to the "normal" [?] strain of COVID-19, before its mutation.

PM Jean Castex then deployed the strategic plan of the vaccination campaign which finally takes off with > 1.6M people vaccinated, since the beginning, and with the achievement of the objective after the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron, namely to vaccinate all adults by the end of the summer. The PM has announced the future vaccination of 400 square meters. The 250,000 businesses will be supported financially as since the beginning of the crisis.

#### TELEWORKING MUST BE GENERALIZED WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE IN THE LONG TERM-----

"We must develop teleworking, in the long term, and the social partners which will decline as and when it was adopted at the end of last year. Wherever possible, telecommuting is necessary. What is regrettable some companies have not deployed it. »Explained the PM, Jean Castex.

#### USE OF STRATEGY BASED PCR TEST: TEST ALERT and PROTECT-----

The PM, Jean Castex, explained: "There is very little flu which is good news. At the slightest doubt have yourself tested. France is the most developed and accessible country for the test (which is free). With the 20,000 tests carried out each day, isolate yourself and you will be helped by the health insurance which will assist you with the liberal nurses, to test you and your loved ones. We will be deploying this new strategy over the next few days: TEST PROTECT and ALERT

This general mobilization to curb the epidemic we must do so that the most vulnerable and exposed to the disease are vaccinated "insisted PM Jean Castex.

#### PFIZER / BIONTECH VACCINATION OF 1.6MILLION PEOPLE-----

"There is still a long way to go, but we Arians 1,615,088 have been vaccinated below the fixed target. In a week, 70% of this population will have been vaccinated, and will be decisive and extended until the end of March for the second dose.

This result shows that this strategy was good. Vaccination is a race of speed and we must not weaken at the quality and secrecy depends so that each vaccination priority on each person is effective. It takes 3 to 4 weeks of latency between two Pfizer vaccinations, Confidence is there, more and more French people want to be vaccinated, we are delighted. »A reassures the PM, Jean Castex. He continued, "We have had 100,000 vaccinations per day since yesterday, and particularly for priority people aged > 75, suffering from

serious pathology and our knocks with particular attention because more than the others exposed to the risk, The mobilization is remarkable, thanks to the help of agents from the prefectures and local collectives, the association is mobilized to achieve this objective with two million appointments made for vaccination. But the delay had and taken because of the delivery time of the laboratories », thus explains the PM, Jean Castex.

#### NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR VACCINATION-----

"I measure the anguish of people aged > 65 who have not yet had an appointment and are waiting anxiously in the reminders and therefore we will organize 1.7 M additional appointments next week, including 500,000 for end of February and 1 million during the month of March from the middle of next week, to meet an expectation and strong demand.-----

In April, we will reach as desired by the President of the Republic, so that even those aged 65 years. And as for those with morbidity and who are > 65 years old, they can already be vaccinated at the moment (see the website of the Ministry of Health). The HAS (Haute Autorité de la Sante) has authorized the AZTRA ZENECIA vaccine, which will accelerate the vaccination rate, thus 4 Million by the end of February the vaccine doses.

This vaccine will vaccinate those aged 50 to 55 with co-morbidity at the end of this week in health spaces and city hospitalization who are fighting against the virus, for vaccination this week. And then, by the end of February the general practitioners and nurses will take over this vaccination and will have your confidence, will be strengthened. » Thus concluded the PM, Jean Castex"/

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