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## **FRENCH MINISTER OF HEALTH OLIVIER VERAN PROMISES M100 MASKS AFTER LOCKDOWN**

### **AND 700 000 COVID-19 PCR TESTS**

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**USPA NEWS** - Prime Minister French Edouard Philippe explained the next stages of easing the lockdown, in France in a press conference this Thursday, May 7. The Minister of Health, Olivier Veran, meanwhile explained the recommendations and instructions to adopt from the lockdown, which will take place from May 11, alongside Prime Minister Edouard Philippe. This containment, which started on March 17th, in response to the spread of COVID-19, will be lifted « gradually » and will be accompanied by recommendations to be cautious, especially the most vulnerable (Disabled, Elderly), and that M100 mask will be offered and distributed, from May 11th, added the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran, whose full remarks, we publish as it follows. While in France, since March 1, 25,987 deaths linked to COVID-19 have been recorded (178 in 24 hours, against 278 the day before), including 16,386 deaths in hospitals (149 in 24 hours, against 177 the day before) and 9,601 deaths (29 in 24 hours, against 101 the day before). Updates as of May 7th, 9:35pm

### **RED OF GREEN ZONE IS NOT A GRADE NOR A PUNISHMENT MINISTER OF HEALTH OLIVIER VERAN EXPLAINS-----**

Regarding the maps of France divided into two zones, green and red zone (4 Regions Red), the color is red, this is neither a note nor a punishment, but the rate of active circulation of the virus. "Declared the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran.

"There are 700 emergency services which record 500 passages over the previous seven days. The departments are indicated in green, because there is a circulation of the virus which is 10%, is indicated red on the map of France. We currently have 105,050 beds that represent a historic record of resuscitation beds and our goal is to reach 5,000 beds with normal operation and bring a little respite in hospitals, given the large influx of patients in resuscitation services, and in particular in the Great East, "explained the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran.

### **THE MINISTER OF HEALTH INVITES THE FRENCH TO TAKE THE PCR TESTS TO DETECT COVID-19-----**

PM Edouard Philippe had announced that 700,000 tests would be carried out in 15 days, added before confinement and that then the same number of tests were carried out each week I invite the French to take the PCR test, and contacted 0800 130 000 in order to allow you to solve all possible problems for azure tests.» explained the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran.

### **QUARANTINE MEASURES ARE RECOMMENDED BUT NOT MANDATORY EXCEPT FROM TRAVELERS FROM OUT OF UE-----**

"If someone shares the accommodation of someone who is suspected of being infected, you must sleep in a separate room and avoid touching other people's objects, ventilate regularly and wear a mask at all times and no visit except for a caregiver at home. The masks will be replaced by Health Insurance. If the Test is negative, everything is fine. But if the test is positive, the person must isolate himself at home, or in a hotel, on a voluntary basis. Territorial cells in connection with the prefects and doctors will be set up to place the volunteers for quarantine, in a hotel in isolation. "Said the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran

### **M100 MASKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR FREE BY HEALTH INSURANCE-----**

"In town and in the hospital, 100 million masks will be distributed to fight the spread of COVID-19. We must not create a crisis on the COVID-19 crisis for those who have chronic diseases. In these cases, we must go to hospital if the need arises. Remote care will be maintained and during the crisis and teleconsultation (100% care) will develop massively and every week with doctors at a distance. Thus, for the vulnerable (chronically ill or elderly, disabled), we recommend telework and partial unemployment which has been in place since May 1 and must be vigilant and limit your physical movements and above all you must wear a mask and with social distancing during your outings"! In Nursing Homes, the relaxation of visits by loved ones will continue. The government will allocate € 475 million in additional funding for caregivers in nursing homes (Ehpad) and caregivers of people with disabilities, who will have a bonus of € 1,500, and will be tax exempt. Another bonus will be announced by Minister of Housing Julien Denormandie, for medico-social facilities. As for the "GuardAngels Brigades"<sup>[?]</sup>, made up of 3000 to 4000 health professionals, nurses, nursing assistants from the ARS (Regional Health Agency) and members of NGOs such as the Red Cross, because epidemiologists indicate that COVID-19 circulates to the point of infecting 1000 to 1500 people per day in France. Hence the number of 3/1 as the ratio of caregivers versus

people likely to be infected. " acknowledged the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran.

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