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## COVID-19 OUTBREAK SITUATION NEARS THE SECOND STAGE AS MASK IS MANDATORY OUTDOOR

### IN LILLE TOULOUSE & OTHER CITIES

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**USPA NEWS** - This Tuesday, August 4, the latest assessment of the coronavirus (COVID-19 outbreak) epidemic in France was published in the early evening by Public Health France. The body announces 30,296 people have died in France, since the start of the epidemic including 19,790 in hospitals and 10,506 \* in social and medico-social establishments (SpF reports that the number of deaths among residents decreased between the 28th of July and August 3 due to correction of data entry errors). The total number of people hospitalized since the start of the epidemic is 107,696, a figure which therefore goes back after the Number of people returning home: 82,318 on Tuesday August 4. The epidemic is still active as . [Updated on Tuesday August 4 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.

#### KEY FIGURES OVER COVID-19 OUTBREAK WORLDWIDE AND IN FRANCE-----

There are 188 countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic: with over 18 million cases, and a heavy toll of 695,318 deaths worldwide, since the start of the pandemic. There are 164 hospitalizations, including 34 in intensive care, numbered in overseas French areas. In France, the Ministry of Health has spotted a large number of 733 clusters which are including those in EHPAD (Nursing Homes) since May 9; 13 new since yesterday, but 441 closed-----

Number of new confirmed cases of COVID-19 (SI-DEP) in the last 24 hours: 1,039 cases. There are 576,267 tests, which have been carried out during a rolling week, showing that the test positivity rate (%) for SARS-COV-2 (SI-DEP) is 1.6% between August 26 and 01, 2020. The rate of SOS Médecins acts for suspected COVID-19 is 284 or 3% of total activity.

Emergency visits for suspected COVID-19 (OSCOUR® network): 229 or 0.6% of total activity-----

People hospitalized for a COVID-19 infection: 5,162 (139 new admissions in 24 hours) People hospitalized in intensive care (IUC): 388 patients (21 new admissions in intensive care in 24 hours) in the following French Regions, Ile de France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Hauts-de-France, Guyana group together 70% of patients in intensive care. At the rate of the epidemic of COVID-19, evolving in France with an upsurge in the number of cases infected by COVID-19, the threat of the compulsory wearing of the mask even outdoors has been hovering for several days and has just become official in some large urban areas, including Lille and Toulouse in addition to the Mayenne region (the most numerous outbreaks currently spotted). It follows the increase in viral circulation noted last Friday by Santé Publique France, in Haute-Garonne, and particularly in the Toulouse metropolitan area and other French regions.

Wearing a mask outdoors is now compulsory in Lille, Toulouse and is becoming more widespread at the beginning of August, ie the second part of the French vacation. Indeed, the incidence rate exceeds the first alert threshold of 10 positive cases per 100,000 inhabitants and is particularly high in the 20-30 age group ", underlined the prefecture of Haute Garonne, to justify his choice in line with many cities in France.

New municipalities have decided to make it compulsory outside in Brittany, Mayenne, the North or the Alpes-Maritimes. The Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo asks that the wearing of a mask is also compulsory in Paris, outside given the upsurge in contagion of COVID-19, and the increase in the number of clusters.

#### IN TOULOUSE WEARING A MASK IS OBLIGATORY OUTSIDE-----

Wearing a mask is now compulsory in certain areas of the city of Toulouse, and in all the markets, flea markets, and garage sales in the department. The measure takes effect this Wednesday at 00:00. Wearing a mask will be compulsory on open air markets, flea markets and garage sales. It will also be compulsory, between 12 noon and 3 a.m., on the following sections of public thoroughfare: quai Saint-Pierre, place Saint-Pierre, quai Lucien Lombard, place de la Daurade, quai de la Daurade, and promenade Henri-Martin.

A FINE OF € 135 IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO WEAR A MASK-----

Failure to comply with this obligation leads to a 4th class fine, punishable by a fine of € 135. The list of places concerned may be

updated according to the evolution of the health situation. "-----

DEATH LINKED TO COVID-19: 30,296 people have died in France, including 19,790 in hospitals and 10,506 \* in social and medico-social establishments (SpF reports that the number of deaths among residents decreased between the 28 / 07 and 03/08 due to correction of data entry errors).

Number of people hospitalized since the start of the epidemic: 107,696

Number of people returning home: 82,318

NB: the data relating to people hospitalized and in intensive care presented above correspond to the number of patients undergoing care and not the total since the start of the epidemic. In total, there are 97,844 hospitalizations. Likewise, hospitalizations and additional intensive care cases in 24 hours correspond to net figures, taking into account healings and deaths. In the last 24 hours, in gross, 542 more hospitalizations were recorded and 52 admissions in intensive care.

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN FRANCE:-----

"Summer, vacations, meeting friends, reuniting with family, so many good times that we want to make the most of: let's not slack off and keep the right reflexes and all barrier gestures:

o Wash your hands very regularly, greet each other without shaking hands, avoid hugs

o Wear a general public mask when the distance of 1 meter cannot be respected or if it is compulsory

The effectiveness of the mask is dependent on everyone wearing it correctly. It is not airtight so as not to suffocate, but reduces the projection of droplets so as not to contaminate itself and contaminate others. In a situation at risk of contamination such as festive gatherings, family gatherings, sporting events ...:

o Focus on small groups, keep your distance, wear masks for the general public and hydroalcoholic gels, prefer outdoor spaces, ventilate the premises, activate StopCovid, protect and take care of the most fragile.

At the slightest symptom, even mild, or if you are called by the health authorities or if you have found yourself in a risk situation: it is imperative to get tested quickly, to isolate yourself immediately to protect your loved ones and especially those who are most fragile and more likely to develop serious forms. Together, let's keep good individual and collective actions, sanitation reflexes and common sense to save lives " Source : Ministry of Health

USEFUL INFORMATION-----

To learn more about the COVID-19 epidemic ...

\* In France: Public Health France and Ministry of Solidarity and Health

\* Internationally: WHO and ECDC

\* A toll-free number 0 800 130 000 (free call with free psychological support service) 7 days a week

\* All the useful information on: <https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus>

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