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## **FRENCH PM JEAN CASTEX ANNOUNCES NEW MEASURES OVER COVID-19 AS 9,843 NEW CASES**

### **IN QUARANTIN HIMSELF LOWERED FROM 14 TO 7**

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**USPA NEWS** - French Prime Minister, Jean Castex notably announced that the duration of isolation has been reduced from 14 to 7 days for cases of contact with COVID-19, amongst other a new series of measures as the number of positive cases of COVID-19 increases in a worrying pace in France, as of today, September 11, 2020.

Indeed, the president of the scientific council Jean-François Delfraissy announced that this Thursday (September 10) 9,843 new cases (positive tests for COVID-19) were confirmed, a sharp increase that had not happened since the confinement period. "The government will be forced to make a number of difficult decisions," he advised.

The Prime Minister delivered a short keynote from in Matignon (Prime Minister's Office), as he was alone speaking in a microphone, due to his own quarantine. The director of the Tour du France, Christian Prudhomme, has tested positive for the coronavirus, he came into contact with Prime Minister Jean Castex on Saturday September 5, to follow the 8th stage of the Tour de France. The head of government has undergone a screening, revealed negative. Indeed, the Prime Minister, Jean Castex "was two hours in the car with me", assures Christian Prudhomme, positive for COVID-19. But given that Prime Minister Jean Castex was a first contact, he himself imposed quarantine, hence the absence of anyone (Technicians or journalists) in the door-step of the gardens of Matignon where he declared, alone in front of his microphone, his keynote on the next steps over the COVID-19. Following the holding of a defense council on Friday, the Prime Minister announced the implementation of a series of expected measures. Among them, the prioritization of tests and the passage of the isolation period for suspected cases from 14 to 7 days. Senators react. The president of the scientific council Jean-François Delfraissy announced that this Thursday (September 10) 9,843 new cases (positive tests for COVID-19) were confirmed, a sharp increase that had not happened since the confinement period. "The government will be forced to make a number of difficult decisions," he advised. The Remarks delivered by Prime Minister Jean Castex, which followed the Defense Council, gathered around the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron, to implement a series of measures intended to combat the spread of COVID-19, which starts to rise sharply. Indeed, the announcement of the 9,843 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 positive is worrying. In particular in the area of Marseille, Bordeaux, Ile de France (Paris and suburbs). The Prime Minister explains that it will be necessary, "to manage to live with the virus" to avoid a government generalized reconfinement, which if it were to take place would be economically catastrophic for France. Prime Minister Jean Castex has in fact recognized that "The epidemiological situation shows a manifest deterioration", declares the Prime Minister. "The incidence rate has risen to 72 cases per 100,000 people and the percentage of positive cases continues to increase."

### **THE GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY IS TO GIVE MORE POWER TO LOCAL ELECTED OFFICERS MANAGING THE TERRITORIES) FRENCH**

Prime Minister Jean Castex, assured, that the strategy of the executive is always to "fight against the virus by avoiding putting on hold our social, cultural, economic life, the education of our children and our ability to live normally. "

It is also about giving more power granted to local elected officials, because the management of the COVID-19 crisis especially during the period of generalized confinement,

Several decisions therefore emerged from the defense council. One of the top priorities is to continue testing. knowing that currently, according to the Prime Minister, almost 1 million tests are carried out per day in France. Future tests will now be a priority with respect to people with symptoms, those who have been in "close contact" with an infected person, and nursing staff.

### **WE MUST SUCCEED IN LIVING WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS SAYS PM JEAN CASTEX**

"The virus is there for a few more months, and we must manage to live with it, without letting ourselves be drawn into a logic of generalized containment", explained Jean Castex, the French PM. "This is good news", reacts the leader of the centrist senators Hervé Marseille. "The period of confinement, surely necessary, has already cost France too much. We must therefore take calibrated measures to avoid economic and social penalization. "

### **THE PERIOD OF QUARANTINE IS REDUCED FROM 14 TO 7 DAYS FOR PEOPLE POTENTIALLY INFECTED WITH COVID-19**

Jean Castex, the French Prime Minister has essentially announced the reduction of the duration of isolation called quarantine, of a person potentially carrying the virus which will now go from fourteen (14) to seven days (7): "Because it is the length of time during which there is a risk of contagion, "[7]he explains. This period of isolation may now give rise to checks. "This is a good measure," argues the senator from Marne, and also doctor, René-Paul Savary. "It's about adjusting to a situation where the fortnight was starting to cause problems. " Source: French Government

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