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## **PRESIDENT MACRON ANNOUNCES 2nd NATIONWIDE LOCKDOWN TO FIGHT COVID-19 FOR 1 MONTH**

### **AS HOSPITALS ARE ALREADY OVERWHELMED**

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**USPA NEWS** - France, which is already in a state of health emergency in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and preparing to enter the 2nd four-week confinement period (Until December 1), announced by President Macron, is facing this sanitary threat as the spread of the Coronavirus is rising in pace. The figures of COVID-19 case infected are increasingly worrying because the increase is exponential, and the hospitals of Paris (APHP) indicate to be already almost saturated, with 75% of occupancy of the beds planned for the care of patients COVID-19. "Our capacity, which has gone from 5,000 beds before the first wave to 6,000 today, will be taken beyond 10,000 intensive care beds." Said Head of State Macron, during his speech on Thursday evening at 8 p.m., in prime time, on TF1 Channel TV, during which he announced the re-confinement from the next day at midnight, until December 1. This is why President Macron also justified this almost immediate confinement by the sharp increase in cases tested positive for COVID-19, which must be reduced to 5,000, failing which the lockdown could be extended beyond the first four weeks originally announced. We publish a summary of the Pdt Macron's address

FROM 30 OCTOBER TO 1 DECEMBER FRANCE IS IN LOCKDOWN UNDER THE STATE HEALTH OF EMERGENCY-----

From Friday and until December 1, France will be re-defined, with adaptations only for the overseas departments and territories. As in spring:

â†' Travel will be limited, with a certificate, only to work, go to a medical appointment, provide assistance to a loved one, do your shopping or take the air near your home.

â†' Private meetings outside the family nucleus, public gatherings and travel between regions will be excluded, with the exception of returns from holidays on All Saints' Day, that is to say until Sunday.

â†' Shops defined as non-essential and establishments open to the public, such as bars and restaurants, will be closed.

â†' The state will continue to provide massive assistance to impacted small businesses, covering up to 10,000 euros per month for their losses in turnover. Employees and employers will continue to benefit from partial unemployment. Cash flow measures for charges and rents will be planned. A special plan will be announced for the self-employed, traders, very small and medium-sized enterprises.

#### **CERTAIN RULES WILL CHANGE**

But some rules will change:

â†' Nurseries, schools, colleges and high schools will remain open with reinforced health protocols. Conversely, universities and higher education institutions will provide online courses.

â†' The work can continue. Wherever possible, telework will be generalized. Public service counters will remain open. Factories, farms and construction will continue to operate.

â†' Visits to nursing homes and retirement homes will this time be authorized in strict compliance with health rules. I also hope that people with disabilities can benefit from the flexibility they need.

â†' During this period marked by All Saints' Day, the cemeteries will remain open.

"We must stand, each in our place, in transparency, debate, in the determination to apply the rules that we set for ourselves and by sticking together.

Again, we will get up. If we are united, and we will be united. We need each other, we are a united and united nation and this is the condition that we will get there. We are France. I'm counting on each of you, I'll be there, we'll be there, and we'll all get there together.

" Declared President Emmanuel Macron

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