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## 190 MORE INFECTED BY COVID-19 OUT OF 611 IN 24 HOURS AND FRANCE KEEPS UP WITH ST

### 34 IN INTENSIVE CARE & 9 DEATH SO FAR

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**USPA NEWS** - The Prime Minister announced the closure of schools and kindergartens in the Oise and Haut-Rhin regions on Monday to curb the spread of the virus. The toll is growing in France day by day with six hundred thirteen (613) people infected, 190 more than on Thursday (Yesterday March 5, 2020). Thirty-nine people are "in serious condition". Edouard Philippe, the Prime Minister, has also announced the closure from Monday of nurseries, kindergartens, schools, colleges and high schools for 15 days, in the departments of Oise and Haut-Rhin. He said that "Stage three (3) of the epidemic is" now inexorable, "said the Prime Minister, adding that" Our health system has the means to cope with it. The latest report from authorities today Friday, March 6, reports 613 people infected with the coronavirus and two new deaths, bringing the death toll to nine since the end of January. Five areas are particularly affected: Oise, Haute-Savoie, Morbihan, Grand-Est and Val-d'Oise. In these "clusters", where the virus is actively circulating, drastic measures have been taken.

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#### WHAT IS A CLUSTER?-----

We speak of a "cluster" when at least two cases are found at the same time, in the same area, indicates the Ministry of Health. Very often, an epidemiological link links these cases. It is a "virus circulation outbreak" according to the terminology of the Ministry of National Education, the term outbreak designating an area where the number of cases is greater than two.

To prevent the spread of the virus, specific measures have been taken in these areas:

#### CANCELLATION OF ALL PUBLIC EVENTS-----

Closure of schools in particularly affected municipalities, associated with an epidemiological assessment process to identify the people to be tested and adapt closure measures over the course of the days. Incentives for residents to use telework and avoid traveling outside the area, or joining public gatherings outside the area (these points are the responsibility of the citizen in the face of the spread of a virus)

#### WHERE ARE THE CLUSTERS IN FRANCE-----

Where are the clusters located, in France ? The first cluster is located in the Oise, and in particular in the municipalities of Creil, Crépy-en-Valois, Vaumoise, Lamorlaye and Lagny-le-Sec

The second cluster is located in Haute-Savoie, in the town of La Balme

The third cluster is located in Morbihan, in the municipalities of Auray, Crac'h and Carnac

The fourth cluster is in the Grand-Est following a religious rally in Mulhouse

The fifth cluster is located in the Val d'Oise and in particular in the town of Méry-sur-Oise

What we know about the Oise cluster

The Oise is the first department to have been affected by the epidemic which spread in a few weeks to the whole territory. It was in this department, in Crépy-en-Valois, that the 60-year-old man who died on the night of February 25-26 taught. The first Frenchman to die after contracting the new coronavirus, he had not traveled to a risk zone. Since then, nine municipalities have been subject to restrictive measures. Schools are closed in Crépy-en-Valois, Vaumoise, Lamorlaye, Lagny-le-Sec, Creil, Montataire, Villers-Saint-Paul, Nogent-sur-Oise and la Croix-Saint-Ouen. Meetings are prohibited throughout the department. On March 4, investigations were still underway to determine the origin of the contamination. Source: France Bleu, PM French Government

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