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## FRENCH MINISTER VERAN SAYS THE DOUBT OVER HEALTH PASS KILLS & SHALL KILL

### AT PRESS CONFERENCE

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**USPA NEWS** - The Minister of Health Oliver Veran held a press conference alongside two medical experts, and Odile Launay, infectious disease specialist and member of the COVID 19 vaccine committee and François Angoulvant, pediatrician, member of the French Pediatric Society (SFP) at the Ministry of Health, on August 26, at 6 a.m., to announce a status of the COVID-19 epidemic in France, to insist on vaccination, which must absolutely continue, to counter the "4th wave" of spread of the Delta variant, in particular for vulnerable people who will have to be vaccinated for their 3rd dose, people aged > 65 years and / or with co-morbidities from September 13. The public concerned is nearly reach 18 million. This reminder of the 3rd dose is necessary, according to Professor Odile Launay, infectious disease specialist and member of the COVID 19 vaccine committee because immunity drops after the first dose and also because the Delta variant to be effective requires more concentration of antibodies to anticipate and counter it " explained Prof Odile Launay. We asked Minister Veran the question of the next availability of the new American Vaccine Novavax (NOV-2373), which was approved by the European Union

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Minister Olivier Veran, illustrated his speech throughout the press conference using graphs with figures and trends indicating curves. "Most of the patients who were affected by the 4th wave of the Delta variant were hospitalized because they were not vaccinated," said Oliver Veran. He added by encouraging to continue to be vaccinated: "We must remain vigilant because because of the end of holidays and the new school year which creates mixing of populations. We have continued to force vaccines including children, but it is a fundamental sacrifice. " The minister then left the floor to his pediatrician colleague the Doctor, François Angoulvant, who for his part explained that the severity of the disease due to COVID-19 is very label in children, based on comparative studies between France versus USA, showing that "the Delta variant is not more dangerous for children" and that it was therefore very reassuring to be able to vaccinate young people aged 12-17, who must be vaccinated at the beginning of September, before to go to schools (By starting September)

We asked Minister Veran the question of the next availability of the new American Vaccine Novavax (NOV-2373), which was approved by the European Union on August 5, 2021, and having at the same time ordered 100 million doses for Member States, on its close availability in France. The minister did not give us an available date. As for the question concerning the composition of this new vaccine whose adjuvant is based on Panama wood spoliens, and whose effectiveness seems to be 90% with respect to Alpha COVID-19 and even more effective with a rate of 96% with respect to the Delta variant, the infectious disease doctor Odile Launay, replied and confirms that it is indeed this natural adjuvant which makes up this vaccine with recombinant protection, he therefore knows well about a new technology (other than the RNAmessenger type of the Pfizer vaccine).

Our other question concerned the contraindications to the vaccine, with regard to people with an anaphylactic allergy to the adjuvant PEG of Pfizer's vaccine, and or other contraindications, for the Health Pass, Minister Veran replied that "indeed, it This is a minority of ultra specific people and that the prefects are aware of the publication of the decree of August 9, 2021, (Decree1023, article 5) and that if you know very specific cases I will be happy to answer their questions "Because indeed, according to the decree in question, it seems that things were very well done in the most democratic way (Vote in Parliament, then Senate, Council State, Constitutional Council) during the establishment of the Health Pass, at the beginning of July 2021, with a section specific to contraindications, for people who "would like to be vaccinated but cannot do so because of their medical contraindications", it is up to them Now possible to

present a medical certificate from their attending physician, attesting to the contraindication, which must appear in the list in article 5 of the decree of August 9, 2021. To date, the vagueness seems to exist because despite this decree, restaurateurs and comers, do not seem aware of this specificity of the health law against the health pass and which requires the QR code, which includes the vaccination certificate, and / or negative PCR test

#### "DOUBT KILLS AND DOUBT WILL KILL AGAIN" EXPLAINED THE MINISTER OF HEALTH OLIVER VERAN ABOUT ANTIVAX AND ANTI SANITARY PASS

The Minister of Health Oliver Veran made a point of sending a clear message to the demonstrators (Nearly 200,000 protest in 20 large cities of France every Saturday since the announcement of the health pass of July 12, 2021) Doubt has killed and it still kills, "Thus alarmed, speaking of the doubt that some anti-va and anti-pass are still posed and protesting for the 6th Saturday .... He continues by recalling that" The 4th wave is not yet behind us but there is still uncertainty of this summer. "He adds that" In metropolitan France we have avoided the worst. »Finally allusion to the catastrophic situation of the territories of Martinique and Guadeloupe and even now Polynesia where the variants Delta is progressing in very strong contaminations with up to 20,000 / day contaminations and 110,000 in hospitals in areas where 25% want people are vaccinated as in Guadeloupe for example. "There have been 1626 deaths since June 1, in France and abroad the vaccines protect with exceptional effectiveness in the case of vaccinated people. "Olivier Veran insists" The 4th wave could have been the worst ever known, because every day the progression of the Variant Delta is done with insane speed and the hospitals overflow if we had not vaccinated including the young people. "

#### "THE DELTA VARIANT OF COVID-19 IS LESS MORE DANGEROUS FOR CHILDREN "SAID Dr ANGOULVANT----

Regarding the vaccination of children from 12 to 17 years old, the pediatrician professor explained via graphs and clinical studies carried out in the USA that: "The clinical studies will not be completed soon enough while we have to vaccinate children. pregnant women regardless of the term must be vaccinated "He added that" Variant Delta is not more dangerous for children. Hospitalizations are very rare and even rarer for ICU. The severity in pediatrics is similar to that of variants other than Delta. "

#### THE WEST INDIES AND POLYNESIA HAVE RECORD CONTAMINATION RATES WITH A VACCINATION RATE 3 TIMES LOWER THAN IN METROPOLIS-----

In France, there is now a high rate of vaccination in metropolitan France "We crossed 48M this week exceeded all points and have set the objective of 30 Millions first-vaccine and this thanks to the intervention of the President of the Macron Republic, July 12 which had a strong impact. We have been above the USA since July 17 and Israel on August 11, in terms of the population's vaccination rate. »Proclaimed Minister Veran proud of this progress of Roll up in France. He then explains by comparing with the rest of the world and the small minority of protesters in France who oppose vaccination "By the hour or 5 billion people on the planet have received a dose of vaccinations against COVID-19, and facing the 4th wave, the minority who oppose vaccination is a bad excuse. We have carried out more than 6 million tests in France since June, and have become a leader in the field. This is due to our pharmacists and medical centers whom I salute. We also did 12,000 sequencing / week since the beginning of August and 1 Million test / week....

Minister Olivier Veran, justifies the high rate of COVID-19 contamination in the face of the Delta variant where it is wreaking havoc in overseas territories, and where he went with the Minister of Overseas, Sebastien Lecornu, in August 2021, "In the overseas territories, given the strong reluctance with a vaccination rate three times lower, and an incidence rate of 25,900 in Guadeloupe, the Variant Delta strikes very hard, including young people. Regarding the resuscitation beds, they have been multiplied by 6 from the metropolis and this in the middle of August Airlines have been transformed into medical aircraft. to transport patients to the metropolis. And as the President of the Republic Macron has promised "we will stand alongside the overseas territories" (DOM TOM).-----

The Minister Olivier Veran, wanted to show reassuring about the tourist activity which according to him did not suffer from the health measures and in particular from the panting pass "the tourist activity of this summer, compared to 2019, the frequentation of bars and restaurants except for the cinema increases. The health pass will therefore be in force until November 15, after which a new law should be voted, to extend it if the epidemic situation has not improved .... According to Minister Veran who casts doubt on the extension of the health pass, which has generated demonstrations in twenty large cities of France for 6 weeks, to the point of hearing the protesters say "Pro vaccine but anti health pass ... to the point of losing their individual freedom that they consider confiscated by the discriminatory effect of protesters of the health pass versus others "Minister Veran when he returned that the Health Pass was validated in a very" democratic way valid through the vote in the National Assembly then in the Senate and does not exclude anyone because non-vaccinated people can still be tested and with a PCR

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