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## **60% OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD WEAR A FACE MASK IN FRANCE TO IMPACT COVID-19 CRISIS**

### **HEALTH MIN VERAN WHO ORDERED 2Bn MASKS**

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**USPA NEWS** - "60% of the population should wear a mask and know how to wear it in the right way (without touching it) so that it has an impact on the epidemic," said Olivier Veran Minister of Health on Saturday April 4 during its press conference broadcast on the Twitter and Facebook networks of the Ministry of Solidarity and Health. As promised by the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran, 500,000 masks per day were promised to the nursing staff. "On the masks that we ordered in China, we must be not far from the two billion, and we continue to place orders," assured the minister, (Interview Brut Magazine). On Wednesday, he had already specified that the State had ordered "over a billion and a half masks in France and abroad" during a hearing by videoconference by the brand new fact-finding mission of the National Assembly on government management of the crisis.

### **FRANCE ORDERS 2 BILLION MASKS FROM CHINA IN THE MASK WAR PERIOD-----**

Even the domestic producers are in reggae maximum in "war effort" and are producing up to 8 million units per week, which remains insufficient, because they cannot meet the needs of health professionals, and the hospital staff in particular who need at least 24 million per week! This is why the Minister of Health Olivier Veran affirmed that the State had ordered "more than a billion and a half of masks in France and abroad".-----

The director general of health Jerome Salomon now encourages the wearing of masks, following the recommendation of the Academy of Medicine which ruled, on Friday April 3, that a "general public" mask should be made compulsory for outings during and after containment. "Alternative" masks, other than medical, will be manufactured for this use. 160,000 police have been mobilized in stations and on the roads since Saturday April 4 to control people who want to go on weekends, without respecting government containment measures. Friday April 3, that a "general public" mask should be made mandatory for outings during and after confinement.

### **A SHIPMENT OF FACE MASKS FOR FRANCE WAS HIJACKED BY AMERICANS IN CHINA-----**

In China, a shipment of masks destined for France was hijacked by Americans, just before the boat. Renaud Muselier, president of the PACA region which was to receive these masks, accuses the Americans of having bid on the tarmac at the Chinese airport: "A French order was bought by the Americans in cash, and the plane which was to come in France went directly to the United States. Faced with these problems, I am trying to secure the goods so that they are not seized or bought by others "(source: RT France). While France has its share, seized the stock of 4 million masks, in Lyon, in early March, while this stock belongs to a Swedish company and destined for Spain and Italy. The war of masks is therefore declared in this period of COVID-19 pandemic where the whole world needs many masks at the same time, to save lives, and above all to protect carers, police, firefighters etc, in direct contact with the population and subject to the risk of contagion.

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