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## **FRENCH PM E.PHILIPPE EXPLAINS THE STRATEGY OF LOKDOWN GRADUAL EXIT FROM MAY 11**

**IN A 2 HOURS TV PRESS CONFERENCE**

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**USPA NEWS** - The French will not find "not immediately and probably not for a long time" their "life before" the coronavirus crisis, warned Edouard Philippe by presenting "the main rules" which should lead to deconfinement from May 11. "We have not come out of the health crisis," warned the Prime Minister again, while admitting that "we are marking points against the epidemic" and that "the situation is gradually improving, slowly but surely". The Prime Minister also recalled that the economic crisis would be "brutal" and "has only just begun". "Production has almost stopped, consumption too," he noted, saying that "never in the history of the world has such a massive, general stop been experienced."Edouard Philippe specified in a very clear and pedagogical way using graphs, and diagrams, to explain "the French strategy" to face the COVID-19 epidemic. This communication allowed the Prime Minister to take stock of the confinement, the masks and the first tracks of deconfinement, in a spirit of transparency without revealing the methodology, in accordance with the mission entrusted to him by President Macron during his allowance from April 12.

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THE GRADUAL EXIT OF LOCKDOWN SHOULD OCCUR ON MAY 11, ESPECIALLY FOR SCHOOLS-----

It was in a speech given on April 19, 2020 that Prime Minister Édouard Philippe clarified the situation in France and quickly mentioned the main lines of the deconfinement, announced at best for May 11, 2020 by the President of the Republic a few days earlier. . But before going into details, Mr. Philippe wanted to recall that the situation would not change overnight: even if the containment works and shows its first results, "to imagine that the epidemic would be behind us, it would be a mistake," he said. This is why Edouard Philippe was cautious: "many wonder about the way in which we will be able to start living freely again", he launched, before announcing that the plan of « deconfinement » was not ready yet. When will it be? In the "15 days to come", says Edouard Philippe, which therefore corresponds to a period which more or less extends until May 5. Insofar as « deconfinement » is always mentioned for May 11, this plan is the key to putting it in place. But already, Edouard Philippe warns: "Life after May 11 won't be life before confinement. And this is gonna be for a long time. "[2]

THE START OF GRADUAL EXIT LOCKDOWN OF IN FRANCE WILL OCCUR FROM MAY 11 AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES AT OTHER DATES-----

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe congratulated the French people who "respected confinement in a very satisfactory manner" (Since 17 March 20), during his remark, ont Tv, a 5,30pm, on Sunday, April 19, 2020. Since the beginning of the containment, the police have carried out "13.5 million checks and more than 800,000 offenses have been observed," also said Edouard Philippe, French Prime Minister.Thanks to this device, "respect for confinement was overall very satisfactory," said the Prime Minister, noting "an immense reduction in the number of trips" everywhere in France, as well "to shops, to grocery stores, to transport stations "only" to offices "."Confinement should not be synonymous with giving up care," said the Minister of Health, Olivier Veran. According to the ministry, a 60% drop in consultations with specialist doctors, a 40% drop in consultations with general practitioners and a "worrying decrease" in childhood vaccinations and cancer screening are observed.

THE EPIDEMIC « SLOWLY DROPS AND HOPE IS REBORN » SAID PM EDOUARD PHILIPPE-----

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, still during his televised address Sunday, April 19, press point, estimated that in France, "the epidemic is slowly declining" since this weekend and that: "Hope is reborn but we do not have not come out of the crisis. To believe that the epidemic is last us is a serious error. " Indeed, on April 20, "the painful milestone of 20,000 deaths is reached" in France,

announced Jerome Salomon, the director general of health. "We are facing a very deadly epidemic (which) has killed in France more than all the flu epidemics, even the longest, and more than the heat wave of 2003 which had left 19,000 dead" he specifies. According to the update from the Ministry of Health, 114,657 cases are confirmed, 30,584 people are hospitalized (- 26 compared to the previous day, taking into account discharges) including 5,683 patients in serious condition in intensive care. The balance of admissions has been negative for 12 days. "The decline in the need for equipment and human resources in resuscitation is confirmed, but we are still at an exceptional level, much higher than the usual maximum in France" continues the ministry which recommends to the French not to relax their efforts "when containment pays off. " "It is imperative to respect all barrier measures, the physical distance of a minimum meter, social distance and containment measures until May 11.

#### FRANCE TO PRODUCE 17 MILLION MASKS PER WEEK-----

Wearing a "general public" mask will probably be made "compulsory" in public transport during deconfinement, said Edouard Philippe. The Minister of Health Olivier Veran reassured: "These are eight million masks that have been produced in the past week in our country and we anticipate a production of around 17 million masks per week in France", in particular by the textile industry, whose objective is to "equip the French who want it".

#### OBJECTIVE IS 500,000 TESTS PER WEEK FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CLOSEST-----

Health Minister Olivier Veran explained to the pros to test for COVID-19 infection: "The government's objective is to be able to perform 500,000 tests per week from deconfinement for people with symptoms and those with been in contact with a COVID19 patientAfter May 11, "if you have symptoms (...) and want to know if you are sick, or if you have been in close contact with someone who is known to be sick, you can , you should benefit from this virological test ", assured Olivier Veran.

#### "IT WOULD NOT BE UNREASONABLE TO TRAVEL ABROAD IN THE IMMEDIATE", SAID PM PHILIPPE-----

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe prepared the French for summer vacations without being able to travel far abroad immediately, in the current context of COVID-19 outbreak. "I fear that it is unreasonable to imagine traveling far abroad very quickly," said the Prime Minister, who stressed that he was "not sure that air transport will resume in good conditions. conditions quickly ", while air traffic for passengers is almost suspended in France.

#### COVID-19 CONTAMINATION OF NON-DRINKING WATER PARIS SEEMS RISKLESS-----

About publications, newspapers, revealing that traces of COVID-19, were found in non-potable water in Paris. Should we be worried ?, the answer is "No", according to the municipality which indicates that the use of the water network in question has been stopped as a precaution and which recalls that drinking water, "constantly monitored" can be "safely consumed".

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