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PARIS IS PUT IN PLACE IN MAXIMAL ALERT OVER COVID-19 PREFECT LALLEMENT

BARS CLOSED RESTAURANTS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 10 P.M.

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MAYOR OF PARIS ANNE HIDALGO CONFIRMS THAT THE HEALTH SITUATION IS "VERY SERIOUS IN PARIS"

The mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo explained yesterday, Sunday in the media group, Grand Jury RTL Radio, LCI Tv news and Le Figaro Journal, that "It is not acted since there is still work, discussion", said while acknowledging that the health situation was "very serious". If the worsening were to be confirmed, "we would have no other choice but to place Paris and the inner suburbs on maximum alert and this from Monday", had warned Olivier Veran on Thursday, before declining the consequences: "no more family celebrations, no more parties and the total closure of the bars".

According to the Regional Health Agency (ARS), the data communicated on Friday is rather pessimistic, and the Minister of Health Olivier Veran, had meanwhile granted a "stay" to restaurants and bars in Paris before placing Paris and its inner suburbs on "maximum alert", where Aix-Marseille and Guadeloupe are already located. However, since then, the indicators have not improved. The incidence rate still exceeded the 250 per 100,000 population mark in Paris on Friday - one of the three criteria for switching to the maximum alert zone - standing at 264 compared to 261 on Thursday. The occupancy rate of intensive care beds for patients with COVID-19 stood at 34.8% in Ile-de-France, above the maximum alert threshold of 30%.

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