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## PM EDOUARD PHILIPPE RESPONDS TO THE CONTROVERSIAL OVER COVID-19 MISMANAGEMENT

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**USPA NEWS** - The controversy in France when it comes to the medical equipment, such as the masks, gels, hydroalcoholic gel, the lack of COVID-19 tests, that grows, more and more, so that PM, Aoudad Philippe had to reposed to that during his TV press Brief, as he explained with "lucidity, transparency and hope", while psychosis settles in France whatever the social conditions.

The controversy, also concerns the weakness of the application of the COVID-19 systematic tests, as did Korea, or even the German which makes up to 500,000 tests / day ... Also the French strategy seems different and responds by the "lack of available tests". In fact, the screening kits are hardly missing, but also the human resources to carry out the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test. The critics concerns, among others, the lack of tests implemented in France ( 3000/Day versus 500 000/Day in Germany), against all odds, when General Director fo WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who asked for TEST, TEST, TEST, reading testing the positivity of COVID-19, during the press brief on March 16th. The rest of the controversy addressed the lack of face masks to protect the medical staff and policemen, firefighters, etc

### 50,000 COVID-19 TESTS WILL BE PERFORMED / DAY BY END OF APRIL IN FRANCE VERSUS 500,000 / DAY IN GERMANY-----

Currently, France only performs 3000 COVID-19 / Day tests, despite the WHO recommendation of March 11 which insists on the need to do "Test, Test, Test" explained the Director General of WHO (World Health Organization), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (See article, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO ASKS FOR TESTING EVERY SUSPECT CASE FOR COVID-19. MEDIA BRIEFING 16 MARCH 2020, <https://www.uspa24.com/bericht-16623/director-general-of-who-asks-for-testing-every-suspect-case-for-covid-19.html>). The controversy in France also concerns the weakness of the application of the COVID-19 systematic tests, as did Korea, or even the Germany which makes up to 500,000 tests / day ... Also the French strategy seems different and respond by the "lack of available tests". In fact, the screening kits are hardly missing, but also the human resources to carry out the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test. PM Edouard Philippe had, already at a council of ministers this week, promised to go from cadence "from 3000 to 2900 tests" by the end of the week " DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WHO ASKS FOR TESTING EVERY SUSPECT CASE FOR COVID-19 « Handwashing and coughing into your elbow can reduce the risk for yourself and others. But on their own, they are not enough to extinguish this pandemic. It's the combination that makes the difference. As I keep saying, all countries must take a comprehensive approach. But the most effective way to prevent infections and save lives is breaking the chains of transmission. And to do that, you must test and isolate. You cannot fight a fire blindfolded. And we cannot stop this pandemic if we don't know who is infected. We have a simple message for all countries: test, test, test. General Director fo WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who asked for TEST, TEST, TEST, reading testing the positivity of COVID-19, during the press brief on March 16th. The Minister of Health, Olivier Veran promises that France will increase the frequency of carrying out tests detecting COVID-19, with "50,000 conventional tests" per day by the end of April, to which will be added "more than 100,000 "rapid tests per day" in June, "said Olivier Veran.

### FRANCE ORDERS 5 MILLION QUICK TESTS TO TRACK COVID-19-----

"France has placed an order for 5 million rapid tests which (...) will increase our screening capacity by around 30,000 additional tests per day in April, 60,000 in May and more than 100,000 tests a day in June, "said the minister. They will be added to the "50,000 classic tests" that will be performed every day "by the end of April", compared to 12,000 currently

### REQUIREMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE BY THE PM-----

PM is considering the possibility of requisitioning by the state, masks, drugs, respirators or other medical products, to fight against the spread of COVID-19, even if this solution is not a "magic wand" and should be viewed "with caution". "The requisition, we did it with regard to masks to preserve national production, to ensure that no mask produced or stored on the national territory can leave it," he recalled.

#### A SURVEY SHOWS THAT 59% OF FRENCH THINK COVID-19 CRISIS IS MISMANAGED-----

Following a survey carried out between March 26 and 27, a score reflects a huge drop of 18 points of negative opinion compared to the wave made on March 19 and 20, regarding the management of the COVID-19 crisis by the French government. Indeed, to the question "To what extent do you think the French government is managing the coronavirus epidemic well or badly?", 59% of those questioned answered NO, compared to 36% who thought YES.

It should be remembered that general confinement had been put in place on March 17, at that time, > 50% of the French considered rather "positively the action of the government". Since then, with the ascending progression of the epidemic and the steepening of the curve of the spread of COVID-19 and of the numbers of the dead, reporting the figures of the Italian alarming figures in a stoic and fatal style, the French have more questions and doubt more in addition to the action of the government. Especially since the figures announced every evening by Jerome Salomon, Director General of the Ministry of Health, (In a cold and stoic manner by announcing new deaths) have been underestimated. These figures do not include the deaths of the elderly, who die at home, or in retirement homes "In addition, there are legitimate claims about the glaring lack of essential equipment for caregivers (masks, beds, respirators) or controversies surrounding the controversial use of chloroquine.-----

Because, in fact, the Director General of APHP (Assistance Publique des Hopitaux de Paris), Wednesday 25 th of March, Martin Hirsch raised a cry of alarm begging to provide medical teams with masks and equipment because the hospitals of Ile de France are saturated. Faced with the rapidly deteriorating situation in Ile-de-France, he told France Info: "In Ile de France, this Tuesday, we passed the milestone of 1,000 serious patients treated in the intensive care units of hospitals. Until then, I knew before me that I had a visibility of one week on the ability to take more. There, I have a visibility of three days," sighs the director general of the AP-HP. APHP is made up of 6 medico-hospital groups corresponding to a total of 39 hospitals, with 100,000 professionals, including...

#### AP HP EMERGENCIES IN ASPHYXIA HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE FOR 1 YEAR ASKING FOR RESOURCES-----

Knowing that APHP, especially the emergencies have been on strike for almost a year, already claiming means for hospital hospitals already judges in "asphyxia and this before the COVID-19 pandemic. This Tuesday July 2, 2019, at 4:00 pm, in the frame of the national strike movement, the overall participation rate (absent strikers) is 0.22% and the overall mobilization rate (absent and assigned strikers) is 0.59% (excluding emergency reception service), which represents 101 strikers absent and 172 strikers assigned. In the AP-HP emergency reception services, the overall participation rate (absent strikers) is 0.60% and the mobilization rate (absent and assigned strikers) is 25.37%. This represents 5 absent strikers and 219 assigned strikers.

Brut, Magazine, met Pr. Éric Caumes, head of the infectious diseases department of the Pitié-Salpêtrière hospital in Paris, had also raised a cry of alarm about the lack of masks, three days ago, "We cannot send combatants to fire without protective equipment" "It is normal for hospital staff, and not just hospitals elsewhere, nursing homes, prisons ... There are many areas where we are affected by this hardware issue." Prof Eric Caumes points out the lack of equipment and protections for healthcare workers when they are dealing with an increasing number of patients contaminated with COVID-19. "It would be nice to give them something other than good words," he said. According to Prof Eric Caumes, it is now necessary to make gestures. "It is still not normal that, for the moment, we only addressed them words, more words, always words," he lambasted. Source: France Info, Brut Magazine. Source: APHP

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