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## ADDRESS TO THE FRENCH NATION OF PRESIDENT MACRON AND MEASURES PART 2

### TO FIGHT COVID-19

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**USPA NEWS** - The President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron addressed the French at 8h pm on TV Tf1, announcing major measures and recommendations for 30 minutes while appealing to unity in the country.

Before addressing the French, President Emmanuel Macron assembled the Scientific Council mobilized to deal with the Coronavirus. Our reaction can only be done with the expertise of specialists who are the most legitimate to assess the situation. » the President Macron said, as he spent the whole afternoon, preparing the speech of his solemn address to the French nation. We publish the entire speech of the head of the French State in several sequences. Among the big men, all schools and universities in France will be closed from Monday March 16. The municipal elections (March 15 and 22) are maintained, The recommendations to the French, on health barriers, (frequent hand washing use of mask, safety distance of 1 meter), and for vulnerable persons (seniors, staff with chronic diseases and diabetes, as well as the disabled) must limit their outings and remain confined to their homes. Here is Part 2

#### THE EMERGENCY IS TO PROTECT OUR VULNERABLE COMPATRIOTS SAID PRESIDENT MACRON

In this context, the urgency is to protect our most vulnerable compatriots. The urgency is to curb the epidemic in order to protect our hospitals, our emergency and resuscitation services, our caregivers who will have to treat, as I have just explained to you, more and more affected patients. These are our priorities. That is why we must continue to save time and follow those who are the most fragile. Protect the most vulnerable first. This is the top priority.

That is why I ask tonight all people over the age of 70, those who suffer from chronic illnesses or respiratory disorders, people with disabilities, to stay as much as possible in their homes. They can, of course, leave their homes to do their shopping, to ventilate themselves, but they must limit their contacts to the maximum.

#### THE FIRST TOUR OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN A FEW DAYS "SAID PRESIDENT MACRON

In this context, I asked the scientists about our municipal elections, the first round of which will be held in a few days. They consider that there is nothing to prevent the French, even the most vulnerable, from going to the polls. I also asked the Prime Minister, he did so again this morning, to consult widely with all the political families, and they expressed the same will. However, it will be necessary to ensure strict compliance with barrier measures against the virus and health recommendations. I trust the mayors and the good citizenship of each of you. I also know that town halls and state services have organized things well. Reinforced instructions will be given tomorrow so that our elders do not wait long, queues do not form, that distances are also kept and that these famous barrier measures are well respected. But it is important, at this moment, following the advice of scientists as we have just done, to ensure the continuity of our democratic life and our institutions

#### « I ASK YOU TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR OUR COLLECTIVE INTEREST »-----

So, the priority of priorities today is therefore to protect the weakest, those who are affected first by this epidemic.

The second is to curb the epidemic. Why ? The Minister of Health and the Director General of Health have explained this to you on several occasions: to avoid the accumulation of patients who will be in respiratory distress in our emergency and resuscitation services. We must continue to save time, and for that, I will ask you to continue to make sacrifices and rather to do more, but for our collective interest. Nurseries, schools and Colleges Universities will be closed in France as of Monday and until further notice, nurseries, schools, colleges, high schools and universities will be closed for a simple reason: our children and our youngest, according to scientists still, are those who propagate, seems the virus as quickly as possible, even if, for children, they sometimes have no symptoms and, fortunately, do not seem today to suffer from acute forms of the disease. This is both to protect them and to reduce the spread of the virus across our territory.

#### A CARE SERVICE WILL BE LOCATED BY REGION BY REGION-----

A daycare service will be set up region by region, we will find the right organizations so that, in effect, the personnel who are essential for the management of the health crisis can have their children looked after and continue to go to work to protect you. and take care of you. This organization will be worked on by the Government in the coming days with all of the elected officials and all those responsible for our territory. When possible, I ask companies to allow their employees to work remotely. The ministers have already announced it, we have developed telework a lot. We must continue this, intensify it to the maximum. Public transport will be maintained, because to stop it would be to block everything, including the possibility of treatment. But here too, it is your responsibility that I appeal to, and I

invite all French people to limit their trips to what is strictly necessary..

#### GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE MEETING LIMITATION MEASURES-----

The government will also announce measures to limit gatherings as much as possible. At the same time, our health system, particularly in the intensive care unit, must prepare to receive more and more serious cases of Covid-19 and continue to treat other patients. Places must be made available in hospitals. For this, all national hospital capacities as well as the maximum of doctors and carers will be mobilized. We will also mobilize students, young retirees. Exceptional measures will be taken in this direction. Many, moreover, have started. I want to thank them. I saw a few days ago, at the Samu in Paris, a magnificent, moving, exemplary mobilization, where students, a few months away from their competition, were there to answer calls, help, and where doctors who had barely retired had returned to lend a helping hand. This is what we will collectively generalize by taking the right measures. At the same time, non-essential care in the hospital will be postponed, that is, operations that are not urgent, all of which can help us save time. Health is priceless. The Government will mobilize all the financial means necessary to provide assistance, to care for the sick, to save lives whatever the cost. Many of the decisions we are making, many of the changes we are making, we will keep because we also learn from this crisis, because our caregivers are great for innovation and mobilization, and what we are doing, we will learn all the lessons and come out with an even stronger health system.

#### THE FRENCH AND EUROPEANS PREPARE A COVI-19 ANTIDOTE-----

The general mobilization is also that of our researchers. Numerous French and European clinical trial programs are underway to produce rapid, efficient and effective diagnoses in quantity. We are going to improve things in this area, and at both French and European level, work has started. Our teachers, with the support of private actors, are already working on several treatment tracks in Paris, Marseille and Lyon, among others. The protocols have started. I hope that in the coming weeks and months, we will have the first treatments that we can generalize. Europe has everything it takes to offer the world the antidote to Covid-19. Teams are also hard at work to invent a vaccine. It won't be able to see the light of day for several months, but it carries great hopes. We are also mobilizing our French and European research, and I will continue to intensify it.

#### SOCIAL MOVEMENT AND GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BRING THE MOST FRAGILE

This ordeal also requires social mobilization towards the most deprived, the most fragile. The winter break will be postponed for two months, and I ask the Government for exceptional measures, in this context, for the most vulnerable. Finally, the ordeal we are going through requires general mobilization on the economic front. Already, restaurateurs, traders, craftsmen, hoteliers, professionals in tourism, culture, events, transport are suffering, I know it. Entrepreneurs are worried about their order books, and all of you are wondering about your job, your purchasing power. I know it is legitimate. With the decisions I have just announced this evening, this economic concern will obviously increase. We will not add to health difficulties the fear of bankruptcy for entrepreneurs, the anxiety of unemployment and difficult end of the month for employees. Also, everything will be done to protect our employees and to protect our companies whatever the cost, there too. From the coming days, an exceptional and massive mechanism of partial unemployment will be implemented. First announcements were made by the ministers. We will go much further.

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