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## FRENCH UPDATES OVER COVID-19 OUTBREAK 7,481 PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES

19,323 DEATH TOTAL TOLL APRIL 18

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### WORLDWIDE UPDATES OVER COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Spain has indicated that the confinement has been extended to May 9. Algeria, which has reported 2,418 people infected with the disease and 364 deaths at this stage, extends the confinement by 10 days, which now runs until April 29.

In Morocco, where the number of confirmed cases is 2,685 and the number of deaths is 137, the confinement put in place on March 20 will last until May 20. Since May 7, wearing a protective mask is mandatory in Morocco for anyone authorized to leave their home during the coronavirus epidemic. Italy (23,227) and Spain (20,043) are the most affected countries in Europe, followed by France (19,323) and the United Kingdom (15,464). Worldwide, at least 2,281,334 cases of COVID-19 have been identified, which however only reflects a fraction of the actual number of infections, with a large number of countries testing only serious cases.

### IN NURSING HOMES & MEDICO-SOCIAL FACILITIES 7,481 ELDERLY PEOPLE DIED OVER COVID-19-----

Of this total in 24 hours, 364 deaths were observed in hospitals and 278 in nursing homes and other medico-social establishments. Since the start of the epidemic, 19,323 people have died, including 11,842 in hospitals and 7,481 in social and medico-social facilities. 5,833 people are currently in intensive care, a figure that continues to fall. If 206 new patients have been admitted to the intensive care unit for the past 24 hours, this balance remains negative for the tenth consecutive day (-194).

#### FOR THE 4RD DAY IN A ROW OF SLOWING NUMBER OF HOSPITALISATIONS OVER COVID-19 OUTBREAK

According to the last release of the general direction of health this Saturday, 364 people died in the hospital during the past day. It is the fourth consecutive day of decline in hospitalizations in France, over the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19 progress curves in France, show a slightly tiny hope. The government, through its Public Health agency France, monitors the development of the coronavirus in the country with daily reports, posted on the "Info coronavirus" website.

From these data, several curves have been developed which allow us to observe the evolution of the virus according to the number of hospitalizations, the number of patients in intensive care, the number of deaths in a hospital environment and the number of returns to homes, assimilated to healings. For each graph, the curve represents the cumulative (ex: total hospitalizations) while the bars correspond to daily data (new hospitalizations each day):

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