

France sets new daily COVID infections record

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3D print of a spike protein of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19—in front of a 3D print of a SARS-CoV-2 virus particle. The spike protein (foreground) enables the virus to enter and infect human cells. On the virus model, the virus surface (blue) is covered with spike proteins (red) that enable the virus to enter and infect human cells. Credit: NIH

France set a new daily coronavirus infections record on Friday, registering 94,124 cases over 24 hours, the highest figure since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

It marked the second day in a row that infections climbed to record highs.

The numbers are likely to climb further, fuelled by the super-contagious Omicron variant and the Christmas holiday season, when schools are closed and families gather.

Some 16,173 people are currently hospitalised for COVID-19 in the country, with 3,254 of them in [emergency care](#).

Some 122,462 people have died of COVID-19 in France since the start of the pandemic.

Some 76.5 percent of the population have received two [vaccine doses](#), and nearly 21 million people in a country of 67.4 million residents have received a [booster shot](#).

On Friday, health authority recommended that adults receive a booster jab three months after their initial vaccination.

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