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FRANCE IS TRANSPORTING PATIENTS IN RESUSCITATION BY MEDICALIZED TGV & THE ARMY

TOWARDS LESS IMPACTED AREAS BY COVID-19

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France has counted 8,078 people who have died from COVID-19 since the start of the epidemic. This represents 357 more hospital deaths in the past 24 hours, the lowest daily rate recorded this week. The Directorate General of Health has 140 more resuscitation entries since yesterday, a balance "which remains positive but is gradually reducing".

French government is organizing the transportation of patients in resuscitation stage, due to COVID-19 infection, towards regions in France less impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, via Fast trains, medical YGV, and the French Army (Helicopters, War Planes¹). Eleven patients were landed in Bordeaux shortly after 6:00 p.m., seven of whom were to be sent to the intensive care units of two CHU sites. The other four were to join the hospitals of Dax and Mont-de-Marsan, in the Landes. (Updated on April 5 at 2:35 pm) These figures do not take into account deaths from COVID-19, at home, or those of disabled people who died in specialized centers. We apologize for having published figures since the start of the epidemic, without seeing any mention of these fatalities, as they are unavailable

84 INFECTED COVID-19 PATIENTS TRANSPORTED VIA MEDICAL TGV-----

Yesterday, 13 patients had been taken care of at Poitiers station to be transported to the city's teaching hospital (7 patients) and to hospitals in Limoges (2), La Rochelle (2) and Niort (2), according to the Regional Health Agency (ARS) of Nouvelle-Aquitaine. These arrivals bring to 84 the number of patients admitted to Nouvelle-Aquitaine since the beginning of the transfer of patients from COVID-19, intended to relieve regions in tension, especially the Grand-East. This region is one of the main epidemics of the coronavirus in France and hospitals in the region, particularly in the Haut-Rhin, have been on the verge of saturation for several weeks. Faced with this situation, multiple patient evacuations were carried out by ambulance, helicopter, plane or even tourist coach. The ARS said Tuesday that more than 200 patients from the Grand Est had already been evacuated to other French regions less affected by the epidemic as well as to Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Austria. This transfer takes place the day after a journey in the opposite direction by nursing staff from Nouvelle-Aquitaine to the Grand-Est, in order to relieve their colleagues. These 17 caregivers - anesthetists and resuscitation doctors, palliative care doctors and nurse anesthetists - joined Mulhouse in the Gironde de Bordeaux coach.

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