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## **PRESIDENT MACRON TESTED POSITIVE COVID-19 IS IN ISOLATION FOR 7 DAYS AT LANTERN**

### **I FEEL GOOD SAID EMMANUEL MACRON**

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**USPA NEWS** - The French President Macron tested positive for COVID-19, after showing symptoms of fatigue, cough, stiffness. The head of state, Emmanuel Macron, tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 last Thursday, and retired, in quarantine for 7 days, to the French Presidents' rest home at La Lanterne in Versailles. According to a statement from the Elysée Palace, President Macron is in "a stable state of health" compared to the day before, and the results of his clinical and paraclinical examinations "have been reassuring". President Emmanuel Macron himself assured in a video published on Friday that he was doing well, to reassure the French people: "There is normally no reason for things to go wrong, but I am the subject of a medical surveillance and I will report to you in a completely transparent manner," he stressed. Before adding that despite the slight slowdown in his activity, he continued to deal with priority issues, such as Brexit. President Macron's trip to Lebanon on 22-23 December has been canceled. US President Donald Trump has spoken with French President Emmanuel Macron to wish him a quick recovery from the coronavirus, the White House said Friday.

### **THE HEAD OF STATE IS IN ISOLATION FOR 7 DAYS AT THE VERSAILLES LANTERN-----**

The head of state was placed in solitary confinement for seven days and is staying in the presidential residence of La Lanterne in Versailles. President Macron, "still presents the same symptoms of the COVID-19 disease, which in no way prevents him from fulfilling his functions", adds this brief press release signed by Dr Jean-Christophe Perrochon, chief medical officer of the presidency of the République, former army emergency physician. His wife, Brigitte, who tested negative on Thursday, remained at the Elysee Palace.-----

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### **PRESIDENT MACRON ADDRESSED THE FRENCH PEOPLE REASSURING OVER HIS STATE OF HEALTH**

The French President reassured about his state of health after being tested positive for COVID-19, in a short video, published on twitter. In the clip, President Macron, announced to the French that he had tested positive for COVID-19. He spoke in a video, 3.22 minutes long, and that the Head of State seemed to have filmed alone using a smartphone from his office at the Elysée Palace where he is currently confined. While transparency on the health of the various Presidents of the Republic is sometimes debated Emmanuel Macron, who wants to be reassuring about his health, ensures that he will keep his compatriots regularly informed about the progression of the virus. He also calls on all French people to continue to respect barrier gestures. In this video, the President of the Republic begins: "I wanted to speak to you. Since yesterday morning I tested positive for COVID-19. After having experienced the first symptoms, I therefore took the test. After seeing being tested positive I therefore isolated myself as the health rules ask us to do. I registered on the Tous anti COVID application, so that the application can report it to all my contact cases that it would have identified and the Elysée called all the contact cases that we know of and that I had visited during the previous 48 hours."

The probability of contagion, could prove, during the participation of the President Macron in the denrir European Council, in network in Brussels, on December 10-11. Unless the high probability that President Macron, was contaminated with the Covid, during a dinner at the Elysee, took two meals in the presence of a dozen guests, therefore beyond the "rule of six" which he himself recommended to the French, in particular for the Christmas meal. These two working meals at the Elysee Palace, which took place on Tuesday December 15, for lunch and dinner on Wednesday December 16 - brought together more than ten people, even if the large table set up made it possible to respect the distance of the sanitary barrier. The head of the State, also admitted in all humility regrets having shaken hands with Angel Gurría, Secretary General of OECD, who went to Elysee, on the occasion of the 60 years of OECD. US President Donald Trump has spoken with French President Emmanuel Macron to wish him a quick recovery from the coronavirus, the White House said Friday.-----

In the conversation, which the White House said took place on Thursday, Trump "wished President Macron a speedy recovery and

quick return to his full duties," spokesman Judd Deere said. Also read: Sheikh Mohamed wishes French President Emmanuel Macron speedy recovery from COVID-19 "President Trump also extended his best wishes for a Merry Christmas to President Macron, his family, and the People of France," the statement said.

SHAKING THE HAND OF ANGEL GURRIA AT ELYSEE WAS « A MISTAKE » PDT MACRON SAID-----

"There is an error in this gesture, which is unfortunate," the Elysee told BFMTV, confirming information from Reuters. President Macron received Angel Gurría, the Secretary General of the OECD on Monday for a working lunch at the Élysée Palace, with the President of the European Council Charles Michel and the President of the Spanish government Pedro Sanchez . On Monday, the French leader organized a working lunch at the Élysée Palace with the President of the European Council Charles Michel, the President of the Spanish government Pedro Sanchez and the Secretary General of the OECD Angel Gurría. The photo of a handshake between the latter and Emmanuel Macron made the presidency react, respect for barrier gestures being constantly put forward to fight against the epidemic. Source: AFP, Elysee Presidency.

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