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## JEROME SALOMON GM OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH ANSWERS THE PRESS ABOUT SHORTAGE OF MASK

7734 INFECTED & 175 DEATH BY COVID-19

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**USPA NEWS** - Jerome Salomon, the Director General of the French Ministry of Health, is the one who delivers the alarming figures of the COVID-19 crisis in France by a press point every evening at the Ministry of Health. He mostly replied to questions from journalists (via a Facebook live) relating to the concern about the shortage of masks in France, in particular for carers and police (100,000 police and gendarmes deployed throughout the French territory since the confinement since March 17 at noon) He thus announced that "155 countries are affected in the World, (According to WHO), with in mind, Iran, Korea and that Europe has become the epicenter with more than 60,000 cases and more than 3000 deaths after Italy with 3500 deaths versus those of China, that is to say 3226 deaths become inferior, to European countries. In France, there are 7,734 cases infected (positive tested) with the virus COVID-19, (Versus 6,633 48 hours ago), 2,279 people currently hospitalized, including 699 in intensive care, and 175 deaths (27 more in 24 hours) caused by the coronavirus. In Germany, there are 8,600 positive test cases. [Updated on Friday March 17 at 9:35 pm]

### WHO IS JEROME SALOMON THE GENERAL DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH MINISTRY-----

Every night, Jerome Salomon, doctor himself, specialized in epidemiology. He also holds a DES in infectious and tropical diseases and a DES in public health. His the son of a father who is an administrator in the National Assembly and a mother who is a professor. He made his debrief to the press for the first time through a live Facebook, because of the effective confinement since today at noon in France.

### JEROME SALOMON IS ALSO AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST SPECIALIST IN TROPICAL DISEASES-----

He was assistant clinical director of hospitals within the CHU Raymond-Poincaré de Garches from 1999 to 2002, then hospital practitioner, the most prestigious position, from 2004 to 2009. "He was very organized, very square", remembers the current head of the infectious diseases department of this establishment, Professor Christian Perronne, who started at the same time. Jerome Salomon, is part of a small group of doctors and high officials close to Bernard Kouchner (Founder of the French Doctors) nicknamed in the 1990s the "Kouchner Boys". In 1992, he completed part of his internship at the Ministry of Health, then directed by the French Doctor. "He then joined my cabinet when I took over the reins of the ministry in 2001," says Bernard Kouchner. Salomon became a technical advisor there within the health security division. In 2016, he joined Emmanuel Macron, in preparation for his Presidential campaign, and participated in the writing of the health component of the candidate's program.

### THE DAILY COUNTDOWN OF PATIENTS AND DEATHS DUE TO COVID-19-----

Jerome Salomon has accustomed the French audience to know the daily report which is from now on an inescapable appointment, every evening, on France TV. Jérôme Salomon, the Director General of Health again delivered this Tuesday at the end of the day an assessment which was further increased with 7734 cases infected with the virus (Versus 6633 48 hours ago), and 2279 people currently hospitalized, including 699 in dramatic intensive care, and 175 deaths (27 more in 24 hours) caused by the coronavirus.-----

Jerome Salomon also announced the number of healed, 5,000 people who left the hospital, after recovery, in France and the French overseas departments and territories. He took the opportunity to launch an appeal to the population regarding protective masks. He explained that the national epidemic is progressing quickly in France and that the regions most affected are Corsica, Grand Est, Hauts de France, Rhone Alpes. Jerome Salomon explains that among those, 7% are under the age of 65. "We are therefore in stage 3, and are evolving towards a generalized epidemic and move on to minor symptoms, with tables of symptoms" specified Jerome Salomon. He recalled that it was necessary to avoid "taking corticosteroids or inflammatory drugs, to treat the fever due to COVID-19, and seeing with the attending physician, and staying at home, do not call the SAMU, (15 Hotline) a less of a worsening, to feel shortness of breath on exertion called on the 15th of March in case of respiratory worsening. "

### MASKS HAVE BEEN STORED FROM STRATEGIC RESERVE-----

"The Minister recalled that the top priority is to give masks to health specialists, in hospitals and pharmacies in the affected areas" explained Jerome Salomon about the delivery and ustlatiofn masks which are unavailable in pharmacies, a cause out of stock. "The

supply of masks from where the national territory the strategy rests on the civic sense in front of a new situation. The masks are only for the sick medical transport and the carers. "Said Jerome Salomon who warned about the unnecessary use of masks and was indignant:" I see masks badly pore by people in the street, we contaminate people if we use gloves by contaminating massively thinking be protected, The best way is not to wear masks, they must be left to caregivers out of solidarity. "He then insisted on" The distance of 1 meter must be applied, absolutely ".

#### STAY AT HOME AND EVEN IF YOU HAVE FEVER AND DO A TELE CONSULTATION WITH A TREATMENT DOCTOR

Jerome Salomon explains that: "If you have a fever or feel sick, you should prefer tele-consultation, which will be taken care of by Social Security, and for city doctors, who will be able to follow up remotely and prescribe for patients at a distance and also by midwives, gynecologists because pregnant women are fragile and avoid transfers and transport and go to the hospital. It's a way to limit the infection of caregivers and other patients who visit. "[?]

#### DO NOT WEAR MASKS UNNECESSARILY IN SOLIDARITY TO CAREGIVERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE-----

During his daily review, the Director General of Health warned of the improper use of protective masks. He also called on the population to reserve these masks for nursing staff, who are in short supply. "Don't wear masks," he said. "The masks are only for the sick, for medical transport, for rescuing people and for carers", detailed the head of the health system. He thus denounces the improper use of protective masks, which are spread on the faces of residents wishing to protect themselves from the Covid19. "I see a lot of masks in the street, people who have no reason to wear them and to be exposed to the sick," explains Jérôme Salomon. "These masks are badly worn, badly used, they are lacking for caregivers," he continued. "Do not wear masks, be in solidarity with our caregivers who fight on a daily basis".

#### FACEBOOK LIVE Q&A-----

QUESTION JOURNALIST: WHAT IS THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE MASKS IN FRANCE?-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: We are removing the stock of greenhouses towards the Chu and or in the Grand Est and Hauts de France the rest of the delivery will be done tomorrow morning, and that towards the pharmacies and also in progress, will be delivered this evening or tomorrow, from part of the prioritization to unlock millions of masks.

QUESTION JOURNALIST: ARE THE STOCK MASKS LIKE THOSE OF H1 N1 VIRUS PROCESSING?-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: These are strategic stocks of surgical masks, such as FFP2, and companies in France that can make them available for knocking which is not a maze of preemption, even recovery are usable apart from the lactic acid which is dry.

QUESTION JOURNALIST: SHOULD WE LIMIT CONTACTS TO 5 PEOPLE?-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: We do not realize the number of people to meet when leaving your home in the parking lot, transport, elevator within a meter, and office colleagues and that makes several tens or even hundreds of people. Our goal is therefore to divide the number of contacts by five.

QUESTION JOURNALIST: WHY DON'T TEST WITHOUT WHO'S RECOMMENDATION?-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: Asymptomatic ones are not detectable, so we are all potentially carriers so we must all avoid having dirty hands and those of your loved ones and in addition to these procedures and we must avoid the virus being transmitted

QUESTION JOURNALIST: CAN YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THE MEANING OF THE NUMBERS?-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: For influenza, bronchioles we do not test as soon as we have data from carriers and prisoners of war and the population monitoring part of the sentinel doctors, who give them percentages of the tables suggestive of COVID-19. There are 10,000 respirators available in Germany and in France there are only 5,000"! We have more, than tens of thousands in intensive care and we are in a logic of anticipation there are more respiratory than beds , and those of general anesthesia, we can therefore recover those of surgery or back off ambulatory and respiratory people.

QUESTION JOURNALIST: THE CANDIDATE TO THE MAYORAL OF MARSEILLE-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: It has been tested without symptoms normally among volunteers, we can do the test and spot the virus. We have cases of transmission on systemics who think they do not have it, and hence containment to avoid contamination that is part of this research.

QUESTION JOURNALIST: WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF MASKS AND THE PRODUCTION FLOW?-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: The stocks we had 100 Million masks of anti-projection protections, strategic stock of the State, the Prime Minister made one of them for the cartography everywhere in France and to make them available to everyone. As the production of millions of masks becomes available

QUESTION JOURNALIST: WHY NOT TAKE THE DIAGNOSTIC TEST ACCORDING TO THE WHO RECOMMENDATIONS-----

ANSWER JEROME SALOMON: Why not test everyone as the WHO says, the Director General is worried that some countries are not ready for COVID-19, and France is not targeted WHO says that we must be ready to test and the test center, does not require testing. But some countries need to test it. We have no strategy of testing everyone and no country does it.

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