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## **SIX CASES CONTAMINATED BY COVID-19 AT THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PARIS 7th**

### **4 MPs AND 2 STAFF OF THE RESTAURANT**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Ile-de-France Regional Health Agency (ARS) announces this Sunday that the six cases of contamination have now been proven in the National Assembly. These are four deputies and two agents from the Palais Bourbon. "Health investigations are underway and management measures have been taken by the services of the Assembly to limit the possible spread of the virus," said the ARS. "All the confirmed cases are in isolation and have been contacted to clarify the chains of contamination and identify the different contact cases." The National Assembly is now almost deserted since five deputies and two staff members were infected with the coronavirus, is now idling. The sessions are stopped for two weeks, due to municipal elections as well as to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Indeed, this Monday, the positive cases of Sylvie Tolmont (Sarthe) and Michèle Victory (Ardèche), two socialists, as well as the LREM deputy, Guillaume Vuilletet (Val-d'Oise) were revealed positive at COVID-19. They are added to those of Elisabeth Toutut-Picard (LREM, Haute-Garonne) and Jean-Luc Reitzer (LR, Haut-Rhin), the first deputy diagnosed and the only one to be severely affected. He was still hospitalized on Monday. What these parliamentarians have in common is that they frequented the deputies' refreshment stalls and parliamentary restaurants, places disinfected since and closed to the National Assembly located opposite Place de la Concorde, in Paris in the 7th arrondissement.-----

All visits to the Bourbon Palace have been canceled, as well as the symposia and meetings of more than five people, as well as the staff which is reduced and only the repair work planned for a long time continued on Monday, in this institution where intersect usually around 4,000 people daily. The situation is "considered serious" and the activity reduced "only to essential functions", according to the President of the Assembly. The measures are "particularly rigorous", attests the ARS. There is no "psychosis", "calm predominates", testifies a parliamentary source, who underlines that "the 577 deputies coming from everywhere and the promiscuity being important in the Assembly", it is not astonished by the "concentration" of cases. "We will continue to count". Source : AFP, Le Point

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