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France's Macron extends booster shots, says will be required for health pass

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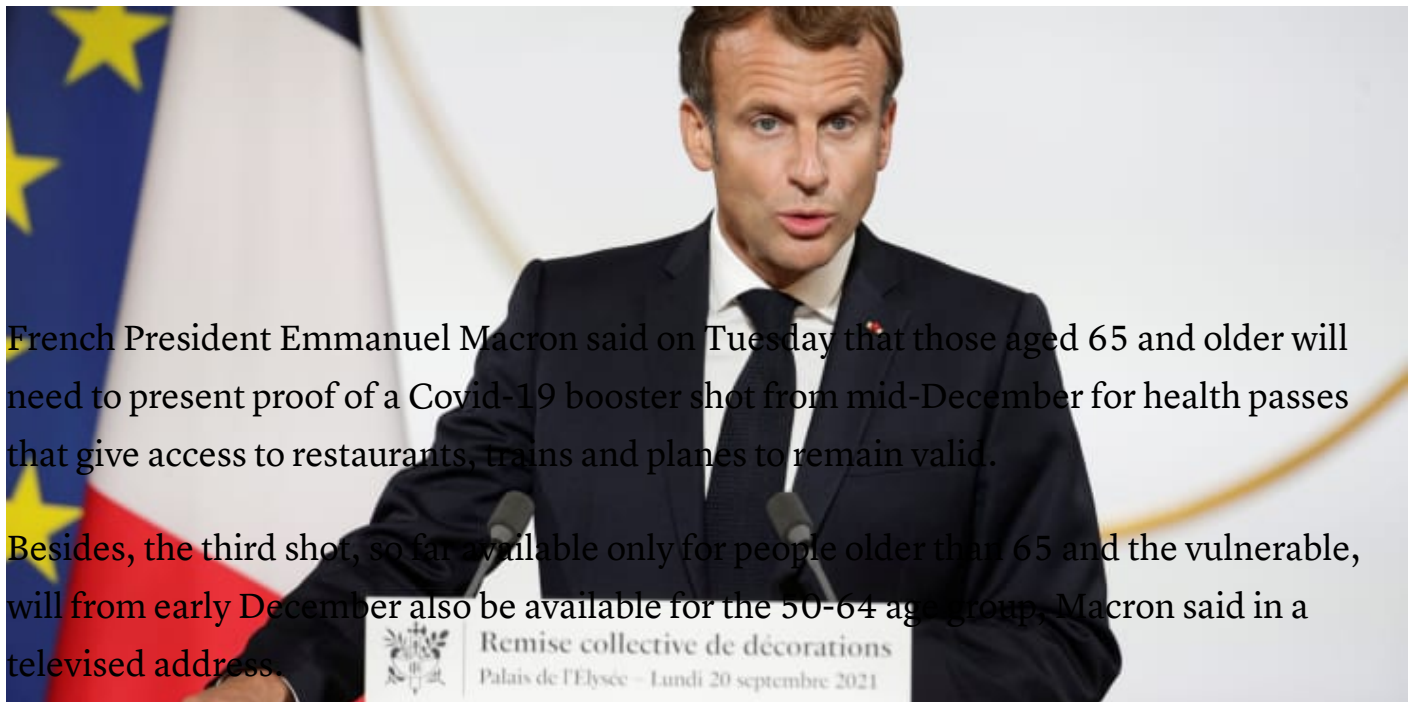
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“Since the end of summer, a campaign has been launched to protect people over 65 as well as the most fragile among us. Today we must accelerate,” Macron said.

“If you have been vaccinated more than six months ago, I call on you to book an appointment for a booster shot. From December 15, you will need to show proof of a booster shot to extend the validity of your health pass.”

The health pass is required to enter restaurants and bars, to go to the gym or a conference, and for long-distance train and plane journeys.

Macron also urged those not yet vaccinated to do so. “To those not yet vaccinated: Get vaccinated. Get vaccinated to protect yourselves. Get vaccinated to live normally,” the president said. “We are not done yet with the pandemic.”

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France registered 12,476 new confirmed infections on Tuesday, the highest level since Sept. 8, health ministry data showed.



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directions. He announced then that the COVID-19 health pass was extended to a wide list of venues, which led to a big increase in vaccination rates.

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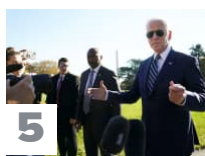
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