France sets new daily record over 50,000 COVID-19 cases

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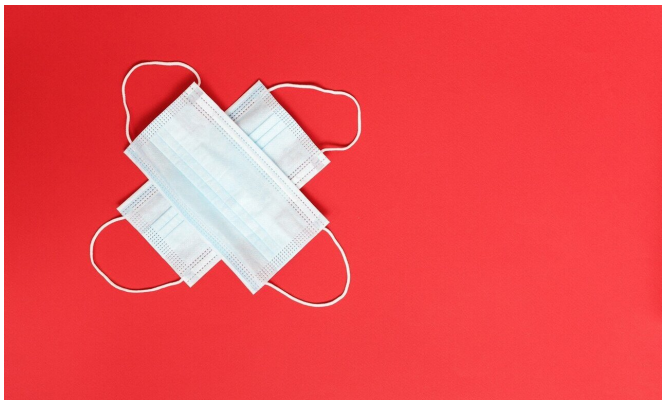

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France set a new daily record for coronavirus infections with 52,010 recorded in 24 hours, official data showed Sunday, topping 50,000 for the first time.

The Public Health France (SPF) authority said that 116 people had died over the same period, bringing the total number of fatalities since the start of the outbreak to 34,761.

France has also passed the symbolic marker of one million confirmed COVID cases since the pandemic began.

Meanwhile, 17 percent of those tested for the virus now have positive results, up from 4.5 percent in early September.

The French government has extended an overnight curfew to cover areas that are home to around 46 million people—or two out of every three French citizens.

On Friday, President Emmanuel Macron said it was too early to say whether a new lockdown was looming, after such a move was imposed nationwide for two months in the spring.

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