

## The Laval region moves to orange alert

**Laval, September 22, 2020** – As it was announced today that the Laval health and social services territory has been moved to the orange level of the progressive regional alert and intervention system, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de Laval would like to clarify what this means as well as the measures that will be put in place to slow the spread of the virus.

The Level 3 – Alert (orange) introduces new measures that target specific activity sectors and settings where the risk of transmission is deemed higher. These sectors are then subject to selective restrictions or closures.

The alert levels are based on the recommendations of public health authorities, who are regularly analyzing the situation while accounting for the epidemiological status, the control of the spread, and the capacity of the health care system. The decision to put Laval on orange alert was partly due to an ongoing upward trend in positive cases and to multiple outbreaks in a variety of settings, such as care and residential facilities, workplaces, as well as schools and daycares. Case and contact tracing have also shown a link between private gatherings and different outbreaks in these settings.

The orange-level measures for individuals and businesses in the region include the following:

- Private gatherings must be limited to a maximum of 6 people.
- The maximum number of people allowed in certain indoor public places will drop from 250 to 25.
- Health authorities will scale up inspections of at-risk settings in the region.

### Quotation:

“The main reason Laval was placed on orange alert was that not enough people were following the health directives. Private gatherings such as parties, family dinners, and weddings have been the primary cause of outbreaks and have also been closely linked to other outbreaks in multiple Laval settings, which is jeopardizing the health and safety of our most vulnerable citizens. This lack of diligence has forced us to tighten the measures already in place.”

*Dr. Jean-Pierre Trépanier, Director of Public Health for the Laval Region*

### Related link:

For more information: [Progressive regional alert and intervention system](#)

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