

## Mass Vaccination Centres Open in Laval

*People aged 85 and over will have access to the vaccine as of Thursday, February 25, 2021*

**Laval, February 24, 2021** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de Laval is set to begin COVID-19 vaccination of Laval residents aged 85 and over (born in or before 1936) in accordance with government directives. The CISSS de Laval will officially open its first mass vaccination centre on Thursday, February 25, 2021. In anticipation of this massive operation, two other centres will be operational in the coming days to maximize vaccination options.

For an appointment to receive the vaccine, visit [Québec.ca/vaccinCOVID](https://quebec.ca/vaccinCOVID) starting on February 25, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. This is the fastest method. If you are unable to book your appointment online or if you are experiencing difficulties, ask a friend or family member for help or call 1 877 644-4545.

A person accompanying a resident who is 85 years old and over can also receive the vaccine if he or she meets the criteria set by the government:

- 70 years old and over
- Providing support at least 3 days a week to their loved one who is 85 years old and over
- only one person accompanying someone 85 years old and over can get vaccinated.

The Pfizer vaccines, which have recently been received, will also make it possible to continue vaccination in seniors' residences (RPA) in Laval. People in other age brackets will be vaccinated based on the priority groups established by the government and on the number of doses received by the CISSS de Laval. Visit [Québec.ca/vaccinCOVID](https://quebec.ca/vaccinCOVID) to follow the vaccination order planned in our region.

### Location of mass vaccination centres in Laval

To ensure accessibility for Laval residents, vaccination will take place in shopping centres. Those selected are as follows:

- In the west, the Méga Centre Notre-Dame, off Autoroute 13
- In the centre, Quartier Laval, near place Bell and Cégep Montmorency
- In the east, SmartCentres Laval Est, at the corner of Papineau Autoroute and the 440

### Highlights of the mass vaccination

- Each mass vaccination centre will be able to vaccinate 800 to 1000 people per day, 7 days a week. They will be open 12 hours a day.
- Those wishing to get vaccinated will need to show identification and proof of residence in Laval.
- The vaccination will be carried out quickly, in a safe environment using a fully computerized and paperless process.
- The 5-step vaccination process will be as follows:
  1. Brief registration
  2. Evaluation and consent to vaccination
  3. Second verification to confirm the person's identity
  4. Administration of the vaccine
  5. Wait of 15 minutes or more to watch for the onset of any allergic reaction in the vaccinated person

### **Brief history of the vaccination campaign in Laval**

Vaccination began on December 23, 2020 at Hôpital de la Cité-de-la-Santé with employees working in CHSLDs, intermediary resources and RPA. Then, in January 2021, the CISSS de Laval completed the vaccination of all users living in public CHSLDs.

### **Let's continue to protect ourselves!**

It will take many months to immunize a sufficiently large number of people. In other words, vaccination does not mean the end of health measures.

We need to keep protecting ourselves by following physical distancing measures, wearing a mask or face covering and washing our hands often. Remember, too, that Laval is still a "red zone" and that we need to limit contact with others and comply with all instructions from public health authorities.

### **Employees needed for this major campaign**

The CISSS de Laval is seeking to fill many positions to contribute to this major vaccination campaign against COVID-19. Administrative and coordination roles are also available. For more information or to apply, visit [jecontribuecovid19.gouv.qc.ca](http://jecontribuecovid19.gouv.qc.ca).

### **About the CISSS de Laval**

The CISSS de Laval is fully dedicated to learning, innovating and excelling in order to offer residents of Laval and surrounding areas a full range of integrated, quality health and social services accessible to all. Its human capital includes over 10,000 employees and doctors working in 32 facilities, including the Hôpital de la Cité-de-la-Santé, the Jewish Rehabilitation Hospital, the Centre de services ambulatoires de Laval, six CLSCs, five residential centres, the Centre de protection de l'enfance et de la jeunesse de Laval, the Centre de réadaptation en dépendance de Laval and the Centre de réadaptation en déficience intellectuelle et troubles envahissants du développement de Laval. The CISSS de Laval is a research and teaching facility affiliated to Université de Montréal and McGill University. For more information about the CISSS de Laval and the services offered in its facilities, go to [www.lavalensante.com](http://www.lavalensante.com).

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