

Press Release

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Opening of a screening clinic for the general population

A decision that will help monitor the situation in Laval

Laval, April 29, 2020 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de Laval will be opening a COVID-19 screening clinic for the general population and workers of Laval. The clinic, which will be located at the Cartier Arena, will open on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 8 a.m. Business hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week.

People who have symptoms must call the special COVID-19 toll-free telephone line at 1 877 644-4545. Depending on the results of the assessment, callers will be referred to the appropriate screening clinic or will have access to the at-home screening service, if they are eligible. Only people who are referred by the special COVID-19 telephone line can go to the screening clinic.

The Cartier clinic will receive clients who need a COVID-19 screening test based on the criteria currently in effect, as determined by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux. The gradual lifting of the lockdown in the community means that more workers now meet the government's priority criteria for testing.

To consult these criteria: <https://publications.msss.gouv.qc.ca/msss/fichiers/2020/20-210-72W.pdf> (in French only).

Highlights on screening in Laval:

- An average of 315 tests per day were done in the past week throughout the CISSS de Laval (reference period from April 17 to April 24, 2020).
- With the opening of the screening clinic at the Cartier Arena, we expect a capacity of 500 tests per day (this includes testing at the Cartier Arena, at the designated screening clinics and through the at-home service).
- The drive-through screening clinic for workers located at the emergency room of Hôpital de la Cité-de-la-Santé will be closing on Friday (last day) in order to bring all testing together in one location.
- The two designated evaluation clinics will continue to offer testing to their clientele, based on the screening criteria in effect. Each designated evaluation clinic administers approximately 50 to 60 tests per day.

Related link:

To learn more about the coronavirus and the measures taken by the government: Quebec.ca/coronavirus.

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