

## **Start of vaccination campaign at the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de Laval** *Information for the public*

**Laval, December 22, 2020** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de Laval would like to inform Laval residents that the COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the Laval region will begin the week of December 21, 2020. For several weeks already, staff have been hard at work to ensure that Laval would be ready to start vaccination as soon as the first doses arrived.

The vaccination campaign will be rolled out in several phases in accordance with guidelines from the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) and the vaccine manufacturer and in keeping with health regulations.

### **How to receive the vaccine**

Due to instructions from the supplier stipulating that the vaccine cannot be transported from its initial delivery site, health care workers in residential and long-term care facilities (CHSLD), in certain private seniors' residences (PSR) and in intermediary and family-type resources (IR-FTR) will be able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine this week.

Once the CISSS de Laval is given authorization to deliver the vaccines across its territory, vaccination will continue, on a priority basis, among vulnerable people and those with a significant loss of autonomy who live in a CHSLD, PSR or IR-FTR. The public will be kept informed regularly as the situation unfolds.

### **Vaccine safety**

Safety was a primary concern when developing the COVID-19 vaccines. They were subject to the same quality and safety standards as any other vaccine used in Canada. Canada and Quebec have a thorough system in place to ensure the safety of vaccines once they are on the market. Any report of unusual adverse effects is examined by experts so that safety issues are quickly identified.

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

The launch of the vaccination campaign does not, however, mean the end of the safety measures. It will take many months to immunize a significant portion of the population.

We must continue to protect ourselves by following physical distancing measures, wearing a mask or face covering and washing our hands often. As a reminder, Laval is still a "red zone," which means that residents should be limiting their contact with others and following applicable guidelines from public health officials.

### **Staff needed for this major campaign**

The CISSS de Laval is looking to fill many positions for this major COVID-19 vaccination campaign. Professionals are needed to administer the vaccine, but also to provide support to administrative teams and to help coordinate activities. Those interested in applying are invited to visit the [jecontribuecovid19.gouv.qc.ca](http://jecontribuecovid19.gouv.qc.ca) website.

## **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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