

The CISSS des Laurentides is adding pre-triage facilities outside its Emergency Departments to cope with COVID-19

Saint-Jérôme, 26 March 2020 – In order to better protect its staff and patients coming into its hospitals' Emergency Departments, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides is installing temporary pre-triage facilities outside the entrance of its ERs, to enable pre-triage of incoming patients. This will speed up screening of suspected COVID-19 cases, as well as referring persons not in need of urgent care to walk-in clinics.

In the last few days, tents have been installed outside the Saint-Eustache, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts and Saint-Jérôme hospitals. Installations will proceed in the next few days in order to enable the same pre-triage procedures in Lachute, Rivière-Rouge and Mont-Laurier.

This initiative will allow patients who come in for ailments other than suspected COVID-19 to be separated from potentially infected persons, who will be streamed appropriately.

The CISSS des Laurentides reminds all persons presenting light symptoms associated with COVID-19 that they must call 1 877 644-4545 to book an appointment to be tested. You should go to the ER only if you are experiencing difficulty breathing (shortness of breath when at rest or inability to breathe when lying down).

The CISSS des Laurentides stresses that its staff is working around the clock, 7 days a week, to provide safe, quality care to the Laurentian population and thanks all our teams for their dedication.

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