

# Communiqué de presse

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COVID-19

## Two designated evaluation clinics in the Laurentians

**Saint-Jérôme, April 3, 2020** – Addressing needs resulting from COVID-19, the Laurentian region has received approval from the Minister of Health and Social Services to open two designated evaluation clinics, one in the Lower Laurentians and the other in the region's centre.

These clinics, available by appointment only, will provide medical consultation to people presenting flu-like symptoms, symptoms of gastroenteritis or COVID-19-like symptoms. It will also be possible to get a COVID-19 screening test at the same place.

The procedure for making an appointment is the same as for screening tests: patients must call the hotline at 1-877-644-4545. A nurse will refer them to the service they require. It will also be possible to get a medical consultation by referral from a doctor or pediatrician. The clinics are open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Strict safety measures are in place in these new evaluation clinics to protect patients as well as healthcare workers. You must come to the clinic alone to limit the risk of contamination.

The designated COVID-19 evaluation clinics are intended as a complementary measure for non-critical cases requiring care. They are designed to support the hospitals, family medicine clinics and public health teams. Opening these clinics will help avoid overcrowding of emergency rooms and lower the number of people going to medical clinics.

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