

## Communiqué de presse

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## COVID-19

## Designated evaluation clinic added in the Laurentians

**Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, April 17, 2020** – In the fight against COVID-19, the Laurentian region has received approval from the Ministry of Health and Social Services to establish a third designated evaluation clinic. Located in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, this clinic began accepting patients on April 14.

Consultations are by appointment only and the clinic is open to individuals seeking a consultation who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, symptoms of gastro-enteritis or symptoms associated with COVID-19. It is also possible to get tested for COVID-19 at the clinic. On its first day, the multidisciplinary team performed fifteen medical consultations.

The procedure for booking an appointment remains the same as for a screening test: patients must call the general hotline at 1-877-644-4545. A nurse will direct them to the required service. It is also possible to obtain a medical consultation with a referral from a physician or a pediatrician. The clinic is open 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Strict protection protocols are in force in these new evaluation clinics, for patients as well as for the caregiving staff. Furthermore, it is compulsory for patients to enter these facilities unaccompanied in order to limit the risk of contamination.

COVID-19 designated evaluation clinics are a complementary measure intended for non-critical cases in need of care. Their aim is to support hospitals, family medicine clinics and public health teams. Opening these clinics will make it possible to avoid overwhelming emergency departments and to reduce the number of individuals seeking consultations in medical clinics.

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