

## Communiqué de presse

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## The CISSS des Laurentides is evaluating the possibility of temporarily using the future Sainte-Adèle CHSLD to admit people with declining autonomy who have COVID-19

Sainte-Adèle, April 20, 2020 – Now that the construction of a new long-term care facility (CHSLD) in Sainte-Adèle has been completed, the current situation has caused the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides to evaluate the possibilities this new building provides for responding to some specific needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The option being considered is to use this new residence to temporarily admit individuals with declining autonomy who are suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. The entire facility, already planned to house patients requiring long-term care, would be designated to look after this clientele.

This building's temporary change of vocation would assist private seniors' residences, CHSLDs, intermediate resources (RIs), family-style resources (RTFs) and patients in the region who receive homecare services, thus diminishing the risks of outbreaks in residences.

No patient transfers have yet occurred as an opening date remains to be determined. The CISSS des Laurentides is currently working to support its healthcare teams to provide a secure milieu for patients, staff and doctors.

Once the pandemic is over, the facility will revert to its original vocation as a CHSLD for 96 residents.

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