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Progressive regional alert and intervention system (COVID-19)

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Saint-Jérôme, September 25, 2020 – Due to the ongoing increase in COVID-19 cases, the CISSS des Laurentides has announced that the Rivière-du-Nord, Thérèse-De Blainville and Deux-Montagnes MRCs and the Town of Mirabel are now considered orange alert zones. Meanwhile the Argenteuil, Pays-d'en-Haut, Laurentides and Antoine-Labelle MRCs remain green zones.

As they form part of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC), the Thérèse-De Blainville and Deux-Montagnes MRCs and the Town of Mirabel are now considered orange zones, according to the Public Health Department's finding that the virus is actively circulating in this sector. The Rivière-du-Nord MRC is also an orange zone as COVID-19 is similarly present in that community.

As a reminder, Level 3 – Alert (orange) introduces additional measures targeting certain activities and facilities where the risk of transmission is considered high. Those sectors are subject to restrictions, prohibitions or closings on a case by case basis.

Level 1 – Vigilance (green) calls for the constant attention required in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It acknowledges low transmission within the community and requires compliance with the basic measures in force in all facilities (physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, hand washing etc.)

In addition, the government is now asking the citizens of the province, no matter the colour of the alert zone of the region they reside in, to refrain from holding get-togethers with family or friends for the next 28 days.

“Now that the second wave has truly begun and circulation of the virus is increasing at a sustained pace, it's important to act now! Everyone must play a part in the common effort to slow the spread of the virus and to protect us all against its effects,” said the Regional Director of Public Health for the Laurentians, Dr. Éric Goyer, in asking the public's collaboration in making the necessary difference.

Ms. Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides, stresses that all the testing and care teams are ready to meet the people's needs. “We are ready, but the public must help us by doing their part, by protecting themselves and protecting others,” she said.

Ms. Landry also emphasized that testing is prioritized for individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who have been in contact with an infected person. To better assess whether or not they need a test, citizens can use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool available on the Québec.ca website.

Alert levels are established according to the recommendations of the public health authorities who analyze the situation on a regular basis. For more information, please see the Québec Ministry of Health and Social Services' detailed document Progressive regional alert and intervention system (COVID-19).

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