

# Communiqué de presse

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## COVID-19 | Fighting to contain the second wave Only informal caregivers will be authorized to visit CISSS des Laurentides facilities

**Saint-Jérôme, October 2, 2020** – Now that the Alert Level for the Laurentians has shifted from Orange to Red, to protect vulnerable individuals as well as our staff, the CISSS des Laurentides is temporarily restricting visits to its various facilities. Individuals who are hospitalized or living in a CISSS care facility may be visited only by their informal caregivers.

“These new guidelines make it possible to continue allowing a certain number of essential visitors, to spare our patients the loneliness some of them experienced during the first wave of COVID-19. But we must limit access to our various care and service facilities to reduce the risk of contamination and to facilitate the application of protective measures to keep everyone safe,” said Ms. Rosemonde Landry, CEO of the CISSS des Laurentides, hoping that the public will understand the importance of these measures.

### Visits by informal caregivers

Informal caregivers who do not have symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19 are allowed access to their loved ones in hospital and residential care or rehabilitation facilities, including residential long-term care facilities, private seniors residences, intermediate resources, family-type resources, hospitals and rehabilitation facilities.

Exceptions apply for patients in palliative or end-of-life care or for children needing the presence of their parent, as well as in settings requiring accompaniment.

For detailed guidelines governing visits by informal caregivers, please visit the Quebec.ca website: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/people-who-are-hospitalized-or-who-live-in-chsld-ri-rtf-or-rpa/>

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