

COVID-19 vaccination campaign

### Vaccination begins for seniors aged 80 and over

**Saint-Jérôme, March 2, 2021** – The COVID-19 vaccination campaign is continuing for the general population, by priority age group. As of today March 2, seniors aged 80 and over (born in or before 1941) can book an appointment to be vaccinated.

As the availability of doses is limited, vaccinations for the general population are being done in stages. “Mass vaccinations recently began for seniors 85 and over and is now starting for those 80 and over. The scheduling of appointments is proceeding without a hitch. I am pleased to see that the targeted individuals are answering the call and are eager to protect themselves from the virus,” said Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides.

Visit [Québec.ca/vaccinCOVID](https://quebec.ca/vaccinCOVID) for the simplest and fastest way to schedule an appointment and to follow the progress of the campaign by region. Those without internet access or who have difficulty using the internet can call 1-877-644-4545 for support. We encourage family members to help their loved ones schedule an online appointment.

People who are not part of a priority group that is being vaccinated in their region must avoid calling, using the website or showing up at a vaccination site to get vaccinated before their turn. Each group will be informed as soon as appointments are made available for them.

“Our CISSS des Laurentides vaccination teams are ready. At the height of the vaccination campaign, we will be able to vaccinate up to 14,000 people a day in our region, depending on vaccine deliveries. Our goal is to protect everyone as rapidly as possible, starting with the most vulnerable,” said Ms. Landry.

#### Reminder:

As we announced last week, the CISSS des Laurentides is opening eight vaccination sites in the Laurentians, located in Deux-Montagnes, Lachute, Blainville, Saint-Jérôme, Saint-Sauveur, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, Rivière-Rouge and Mont-Laurier. These sites are opening progressively, depending on vaccine availability, but the CISSS expects all eight vaccination sites to be operating by March 15.

In the coming months, the province will receive enough doses to be able to offer the vaccine free of charge to anyone who wants it.

Although vaccinations are being done in stages, it will always be possible for someone to get an appointment to get vaccinated, even after the campaign in their region has moved on to subsequent age groups.

#### Related link:

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccination campaign, visit <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination/>