

# Communiqué de presse

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COVID-19 vaccination campaign

## Vaccination begins for individuals aged 65 and over

**Saint-Jérôme, March 19, 2021** – The Ministry of Health and Social Services is now inviting people aged 65 and over (born on or before 1956) to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Given the limited availability of vaccine doses, the vaccine roll-out is being done in stages. Although vaccinations are by age group, it will still be possible for older seniors to make an appointment to be vaccinated even after the campaign in their region has moved on to subsequent age groups.

“We will need a few more months to immunise a large enough share of the population, but we are making good progress, which is why it is important to keep in mind that the vaccine can take up to three weeks to reach maximum effectiveness. It is essential that once you are vaccinated you continue to abide by current health measures,” said Ms. Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides.

Visit [Quebec.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 1-866-495-5833 for support. We encourage family members to help seniors schedule an online appointment as needed.

People who are not part of the priority age 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.

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