

# Communiqué de presse

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## The CISSS des Laurentides urges the public not to hesitate to request a test for COVID-19

**Saint-Jérôme, May 15, 2020** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides urges anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms, onset or worsening of a cough, difficulty breathing, symptoms of gastroenteritis or a loss of sense of smell without nasal congestion to make an appointment right away to be tested for COVID-19. Even if only minor symptoms are present, call the hotline at 1-877-644-4545 to make an appointment. Doing so will help protect your own health while safeguarding the health of others.

“Vigilance is crucial now that progressive easing of lockdown conditions has begun. We urge you to monitor your state of health. As the Laurentian region has the capacity to respond to increasing demand for testing requests, no one should hesitate to visit a designated COVID-19 testing clinic,” said Dr. Éric Goyer, director of public health for the Laurentians.

Ms. Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides, likewise urges individuals to be vigilant in order to protect those around them: “The public must not hesitate to be tested. If you experience COVID-19-like symptoms, you should immediately call the hotline at 1-877-644-4545 to make an appointment. Doing so protects the health of the entire community.”

The Laurentian region is participating in a massive diagnostic testing strategy to more precisely measure transmission within the community, as announced by the Québec government. “The more testing is done, the more precisely we will be able to assess our population’s state of health and the better we can control the easing of lockdown conditions,” Ms. Landry concluded.

For more information on testing, the CISSS des Laurentides asks the public to visit the website [www.santelaurentides.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.santelaurentides.gouv.qc.ca).

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