

# Communiqué de presse

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COVID-19 vaccination

## The first round of vaccinations in RPAs is now complete

**Saint-Jérôme, February 26, 2021** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides is pleased to announce that the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations for all residents of Private Senior Residences (RPAs) in the Laurentians is now complete. In all, some 6000 RPA residents, i.e. almost 90% of seniors residing in the 85 certified RPAs in the region, agreed to be vaccinated.

The CISSS des Laurentides wants to remind the public that getting the second dose is important and will be available as soon as possible. The majority of those who did not get vaccinated were unable to receive the vaccine because they were showing symptoms or had tested positive for the virus. As a result, these individuals will be offered the vaccine at a later date. The vaccine appears to achieve maximum efficacy among seniors 28 days after getting the shot.

“Providing the first dose of the vaccine to seniors residing in RPAs is another very important milestone in the vaccination campaign to protect the most vulnerable individuals as quickly as possible. I want to commend the unstinting hard work of the teams who have made this possible in such a short time. Given the vastness of our region and the stringent conditions under which the vaccines must travel, our teams met the challenge brilliantly, administering between 400 and 900 doses daily in just 10 days,” said President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides, Ms. Rosemonde Landry.

The COVID-19 vaccination campaign is already underway for the general population, by age group. In the Laurentians, as of February 25, people aged 85 and over (born in or before 1936) can book an appointment to get vaccinated.

As of 11 AM on February 26, 19,975 people have been vaccinated in the Laurentians.

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

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