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COVID-19 vaccination in the Laurentians

Vaccination for people who are severely immunosuppressed or undergoing kidney dialysis

Saint-Jérôme, May 12, 2021 - The CISSS des Laurentides wants the public to know that due to a recent change in COVID-19 vaccination protocols, people who are severely immunosuppressed or undergoing kidney dialysis will be able to receive their second dose ahead of schedule.

In fact, following a notice from the INSPQ's Comité sur l'immunisation du Québec (Quebec Public Health Institute Committee on immunisations), the Quebec immunisation protocol (PIQ) will be modified to include an accelerated COVID-19 vaccination schedule for people who are severely immunosuppressed or undergoing dialysis.

This means that patients who meet the clinical criteria as defined in the notice will be eligible to receive their second dose 28 days after their first dose (instead of the previously prescribed 16 weeks or 112 days).

The individuals concerned won't need to request an appointment. In the next few days the CISSS des Laurentides will contact each person who meets the criteria directly to reschedule their second dose or to schedule an appointment for their first dose.

Vaccinations will take place at vaccination sites throughout the region.

Anyone who meets the criteria and who is not contacted by the CISSS des Laurentides to reschedule their second dose should contact their attending physician directly.

For the complete relevant information on vaccinations, visit : [Quebec.ca/vaccinCOVID](https://quebec.ca/vaccinCOVID)

For the recent Ministry of Health and Social Services press release, visit : <https://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/ministere/salle-de-presse/communiqué-2848>.