

### **VacciBUS ending operations: Mission accomplished!**

**Saint-Jérôme, September 2, 2021** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides and exo will wrap up operations for the VacciBUS on September 4. Over only 76 days since it went into service, about 12,500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered.

This summer, the VacciBUS visited more than 45 different locations in the Laurentians, giving the public the opportunity to receive a first or second dose of vaccine. The team had the capacity to vaccinate over 250 people a day, 7 days a week.

“We are enormously proud of the VacciBUS’s success. Over the summer, people were met where they were, in well-attended locations such as the Saint-Eustache movie theatre, the Pointe-Calumet and Saint-Sauveur aquatic parks, Cégeps, university campuses, shopping malls, flea markets, farmers’ markets, the ICAR motorsports complex and various festivals, events and municipal beaches. Spontaneity and proximity were determining factors in the campaign’s success”, said Ms. Rosemonde Landry, President and Executive Director of the CISSS des Laurentides.

Thanks to our partnership with the exo transit organisation, we were able to equip a bus to vaccinate over 30 people per hour without appointment. The VacciBUS itinerary was determined according to vaccination rates in certain sectors, in cooperation with the MRCs and municipalities in the region. “This is the result of a tremendous collaborative effort between exo, the organisations who welcomed us during the VacciBUS’s tour and our wonderfully dynamic teams. We want to thank each and every one for their contribution to this project and to the goal of protecting the public from COVID-19”, Ms. Landry added.

“Exo is pleased to have participated in the success of the VacciBUS Laurentides’ vaccination drive initiated by the CISSS des Laurentides. We are proud of having contributed to protecting the communities we serve against the COVID-19 virus thanks to this inspired and effective undertaking”, said Sylvain Yelle, general manager of exo.

The vaccination campaign continues in the Laurentians. People can still get vaccinated with or without an appointment, at our various vaccination sites or mobile units crisscrossing the region. A shuttle and escort service is also available. To request it, call the appointment center 1-877-644-4545. For complete information on vaccinations, visit the <https://www.santelaurentides.gouv.qc.ca/english/> web page.