

# Communiqué de presse

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## A mobile COVID-19 testing unit coming to our region soon

**Saint-Jérôme, May 21, 2020** – As of May 25, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides will be deploying a walk-in mobile unit to test for COVID-19 in the Laurentian region.

The current pandemic is prompting the CISSS des Laurentides to review its practices in innovative ways to respond to the needs of our population.

The mobile testing unit will make it possible to significantly increase testing for COVID-19 and to expand access to testing services in specific geographical areas and areas with a low level of services, as well as for vulnerable groups or in locations experiencing an outbreak.

This mobile testing unit will be crucial for the protection and safety of the region's residents during the pandemic.

This project would evidently not be possible without the collaboration of our various partners. We at the CISSS des Laurentides wish to express our gratitude to the Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie, the Société des Transports du Saguenay and the City of Saguenay for the generous loan of a bus, as well as to the Rivière-du-Nord School Board's Saint-Jérôme Road Transportation training centre (Centre de formation du transport routier de Saint-Jérôme), for the availability of their drivers.

"In times of crisis, support and mutual aid are essential. Many thanks to all our partners for the outstanding support they have extended to our regional public health authority. We are extremely grateful to you," said Dr. Éric Goyer, Director of Public Health for the Laurentians.

Visit the CISSS des Laurentides webpage to get all the details on the locations visited by the mobile testing unit: [www.santelaurentides.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.santelaurentides.gouv.qc.ca). The information is found under COVID-19/Testing and Assessment.

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