

# Press release

## *For immediate release*

### FIRST DECEASE FROM COVID-19 IN THE OUTAOUAIS AREA

**Gatineau, April 17 2020** – The CISSS de l'Outaouais regrets to announce today the first Covid-19 related death in the area. This is a patient who was hospitalized at the Covid-19 designated unit at the Hull Hospital. The CISSS de l'Outaouais would like to extend its deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones.

The count of confirmed cases in the Outaouais area now stands at 192 cases. The regional data, which is updated daily (before 3 pm), can be found by clicking the following link: <https://cisss-outaouais.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19> .

It is therefore more important than ever not to stop our efforts to prevent further deaths. Following the instructions remains our best way to fight the pandemic. We are asking for the cooperation of the population. The CISSS de l'Outaouais takes all the necessary measures to protect patients and employees in all the care and services we offer. Limiting the spread remains our first priority.

With regard to the situation in the CHSLDs, the CISSS de l'Outaouais is conducting several epidemiological investigations at the CHSLD Lionel-Émond and an increase in cases is expected in the coming days. An update on the number of cases will be sent as soon as the results of the investigation are known.

To learn more on the coronavirus, the population is invited to visit [quebec.ca/coronavirus](http://quebec.ca/coronavirus).

People with symptoms or concerns about COVID-19 can contact Services Québec at the following information line: 819-644-4545.

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