

# Press release

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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 FOR THE OUTAOUAIS AREA

**Gatineau, April 9 2020** – The CISSS de l'Outaouais informs that the count of confirmed cases in the area now stands at 131 cases. The regional data, which is updated daily (before 3 pm), can be found by clicking the following link: <https://ciyss-outaouais.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19>.

In regards to the Easter long weekend, the CISSS de l'Outaouais is urging the population to respect government regulations by staying home and avoiding gatherings. The control of this pandemic depends on everyone's collaboration. The spread is through contact. It is therefore crucial to avoid celebrations with family or friends and instead opt for phone calls or video calls.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais would also like to thank all the people who supported our organization during the Covid-19 crisis. In fact, more than 140 people have been hired or are in the process of being hired for the following positions: nurses, auxiliary nurses, orderlies, service assistants and security guards. Also, about 400 people have shown an interest in helping the health and social services sector, but had no expertise in these fields. These people will be able to assist the organization with certain occasional needs, such as deliveries or inventory management, for example. We would like to thank everybody as each employee contributes to the fight against the Covid-19.

Finally, the CISSS de l'Outaouais would like to confirm that the situation in the seniors' residences of the area is relatively good in the current pandemic context. We have not had any outbreaks in the CHSLDs and private residences in our region to this day and we would like to keep our focus on this positive situation. We have set up hot zones to isolate any residents that may be affected by Covid-19 in the future. We have also reorganized the teams so that employees move as little as possible between the different groups of residents. We are also in the process of organizing the mobilization of additional resources to support the residences.

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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