

Press release

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MASS VACCINATION BEGINS IN OUTAOUAIS

Gatineau, February 24 2021 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de l'Outaouais confirms the start of mass vaccination in the Outaouais region. The population of 85 years and older is invited to make an appointment starting Thursday, February 25 at 8:00 am. People are invited to make an appointment online, if possible, at [Québec.ca/vaccinCOVID](https://quebec.ca/vaccinCOVID) or by phone at 1-877-644-4545.

Following this announcement, appointments will begin on March 10, 2021 for the Gatineau sector and on March 11, 2021 for the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau, Pontiac, Collines-de-l'Outaouais and Papineau territories. These opening dates of the vaccination sites have been established according to the planned vaccines delivery schedule.

Family caregivers are invited to support their loved one by helping them make an appointment. In addition, family caregivers can also be vaccinated if they accompany the person who is 85 years or older and if they meet the following criterias:

- If they are over 70 years old
- If they support their loved one more than 3 days a week.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais also informs the population that the vaccination of private seniors' residences was completed on February 22. The doses of vaccine delivered last week are therefore all used up.

Finally, we wish to reassure the population that appointments for people of 80 years and older and the following groups will be open soon. We will keep the population informed as soon as possible. The Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux (MSSS) will send letters to each person in the target age group as the campaign progresses to inform them of the vaccination campaign. A major advertising campaign will also take place in the local media in the region.

For any information on Covid-19, the population is invited to visit the Quebec government website at www.quebec.ca/coronavirus or our website with Covid-19 information for the Outaouais region at <https://ciyss-outaouais.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19/>

For those who have symptoms or concerns about Covid-19, contact the dedicated information line at 1-877-644-4545.