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UPDATE ON COVID-19 FOR THE OUTAOUAIS AREA

Gatineau, April 23 2020 – The count of confirmed cases in the Outaouais area now stands at 229 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 addition, the number of people who have recovered stands at 128 in the Outaouais region.

Our region now has its own laboratory to analyze Covid-19 screening tests, and it has been operational since April 21 at the Gatineau Hospital. For the time being, the laboratory performs about ten analysis per day, but with new equipment on the way, the laboratory's capacity will be increased. Medical technologists are currently being trained on the new equipment. During this period, specimens that we are unable to analyze are sent to designated laboratories in the province to avoid delays in receiving results.

As for the vulnerable groups, seniors' residences in the area are still closely monitored by the CISSS de l'Outaouais. The CHSLD Lionel-Émond has now 2 new cases for a total of 11 residents with Covid-19. As for the CHSLD de la Petite-Nation, the situation is still stable with seven positive cases of Covid-19. These are the only two residences where there is currently an outbreak in the region.

To learn more on the coronavirus, the population is invited to visit 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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