

# Press release

## *For immediate release*

### UPDATE ON COVID-19

**Gatineau, March 20 2020** – The CISSS de l'Outaouais informs the population that a person from the Gatineau area has been screened in Ontario with a positive result. This person is currently in isolation at home and is feeling well.

To this day, we have conducted 763 screening tests and we are waiting on 336 results. The screening clinic hours have also been improved. It is now available from 7 am to 11 pm, with an appointment only.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais is expecting new cases in the coming days. Our teams are mobilized to ensure adequate care and the Public health department is ready to carry out all contact investigations. We will contact everyone, without exception, who may have had contact with the confirmed cases.

All of our actions are currently directed at fighting the spread of Covid-19. We are freeing up beds in our hospitals. At the moment, we are moving waiting patients to other facilities or resources to free up a hundred short-term beds.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais wants to reassure the population and takes the situation very seriously. We are continuing our efforts against the spread of Covid-19.

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