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UPDATE ON COVID-19 FOR THE OUTAOUAIS AREA

Gatineau, March 25 2020 – The CISSS de l'Outaouais confirms today 13 cases of COVID-19. We are confident that the measures and instructions taken by the Government of Quebec will have an impact in limiting the spread. The contribution of all citizens is essential and we implore them to respect those measures and instructions.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais continues the screening without slowing down. To this day, we have conducted 1667 screening tests and we are waiting on 667 results. Every day, at the designated COVID-19 clinic and in the hospitals of the area, we screen a large number of patients. We are following the situation very closely and we are ready to adjust our screening service offer if necessary.

Also, our organization is reviewing its needs during the Covid-19 pandemic on a daily basis. This daily management allows us to readjust quickly. In this sense, we will soon have new measures to support the population during this crisis.

Following the growing concern of the population, the CISSS de l'Outaouais wants to be reassuring. We are making every effort to counter the spread for our patients and employees. The Public health department is doing a tremendous amount of work on all reported cases and their contacts in order to limit the occurrence of further cases in the Outaouais area.

To learn more on the coronavirus, the population is invited to visit <u>quebec.ca/coronavirus</u>.

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

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