

## Communiqué de presse

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## COVID-19: The CISSS des Laurentides salutes the work of all its teams

**Saint-Jérôme, May 8, 2020** – Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, the teams of the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) des Laurentides have been on high alert and have had to adapt to multiple changes. Rosemonde Landry, our President and Executive Director, salutes the incredible work they have been doing under extremely demanding circumstances.

This unprecedented pandemic has brought many disruptions, in particular for the personnel providing care. To respond to the emergency, part-time employees were asked to take on full-time schedules. Many members of the healthcare personnel were moved to different units, services and establishments. Staff have had to adapt to scheduling changes, new colleagues, regular updates of procedures etc.

"Reconciling the needs of the population and the expectations of employees is particularly challenging in the present circumstances. We know that these changes can affect our employees and impact their personal lives in significant ways. The stress caused by the pandemic itself is only compounded by the changes imposed to respond to it," said Rosemonde Landry.

Ms Landry is enormously impressed by our employees' desire to contribute and help, by their sense of duty and their dedication to their work and the services they provide to those in need.

"Needless to say, we wish to return to normal as soon as possible, for the good of the population and of our healthcare staff. In spite of the extremely demanding working conditions they are currently experiencing, I am extremely proud of our troops. They understand the reasons that compel us to demand so much of them and they give their all to their work," Ms Landry concluded.

The population has shown deep gratitude to the health and social services personnel these last weeks. The CISSS des Laurentides takes this opportunity to thank all our employees whose devotion makes all the difference.

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