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Progressive regional alert and intervention system (COVID-19)

## The MRCs Rivière-du-Nord, Thérèse-De Blainville, Deux-Montagnes and the Town of Mirabel now yellow

**Saint-Jérôme, September 21, 2020** – Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 infections, the CISSS des Laurentides is announcing that the Rivière-du-Nord, Thérèse-De Blainville, Deux-Montagnes MRCs and the Town of Mirabel are now considered yellow by the progressive regional alert and intervention system. Meanwhile, the Argenteuil, Pays-d'en-Haut, Laurentides and Antoine-Labelle MRCs remain green zones for the time being.

As a reminder, Zone 2 – Pre-alert (yellow) is imposed when transmission begins to increase. Basic measures are then reinforced and additional actions are taken to promote and encourage compliance. For example, more inspections may be undertaken and more controls applied to avoid overcrowding in certain locations to facilitate physical distancing.

Zone 1 – Vigilance (green) calls for the constant attention required in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It acknowledges low transmission within the community and requires compliance with the basic measures in force in all facilities (physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, hand washing, etc.) Specific measures may also apply to certain activities or settings.

In addition, the government now requires that people living in zones designated green or yellow to limit the number of participants in activities taking place in public spaces (rented halls, places of worship, festive events, weddings, professional or school celebratory gatherings, etc.) to 50 individuals. The authorized number of visitors to private homes remains 10 for green and yellow zones.

"Because of the uptick of COVID-19 infections in the province, we are closely monitoring the situation in the Laurentians. We ask for the public's cooperation and rigorous compliance with the prescribed health measures. It is only by joining together in our efforts to combat the virus that we will succeed in protecting ourselves and each other," said Dr. Éric Goyer, Director of Public Health for the Laurentians.

Alert zones are established according to the recommendations of the public health authorities who analyze the situation on a regular basis. For more information, please see the Québec Ministry of Health and Social Services' detailed document Progressive regional alert and intervention system.

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