

Closure of the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine Region

Gaspé, March 29th, 2020 – In order to continue to protect the population and employees of the Health and Social Services Network and taking into consideration the order of the Minister of Health and Social Services, dated March 28th, 2020, the Public Health Agency of the Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine announces the closure of the region to all non-essential traffic from outside. Considering that the epidemiological situation of COVID-19 in the province is evolving rapidly, this decision was implemented yesterday at 4 p.m.

In order to monitor entry into and out of the region, control points have been set up at airports, maritime facilities, as well as on the various routes that allow entry to the Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine. People falling into the criteria below will be able to enter the region:¹

1. Those who have their principal residence there;
2. Those who transport goods into these regions to allow continuity of the supply of priority services (strict checks will be made);
3. Those whose entrance or exit is necessary for humanitarian purposes;
4. Those whose travel is necessary to obtain care or services required by their health status or to provide such care or services to a person who requires them;
5. Those who work or practice their profession in workplaces where priority services are offered;
6. Those who must enter or exit to comply with a judgement order rendered by a court;
7. Those arriving directly from an area to which access is limited

It is important to mention that people returning to their homes who do not meet any of the above criteria must quarantine themselves for 14 days. Also, regardless of the criteria, access to the region is strictly prohibited for people with symptoms related to COVID-19 (cough, fever, difficulty breathing, sore throat or loss of smell).

¹ https://cdn-contenu.quebec.ca/cdn-contenu/adm/min/sante-services-sociaux/publications-adm/lois-reglements/AM_numero_2020-011.pdf?1585431873

Please remember that people who experience symptoms or have concerns about their health should **contact 1 877 644-4545**. The public is also invited to consult the COVID-19 section of the **CISSS de la Gaspésie website** to find answers to their questions.:
<https://www.cisss-gaspesie.gouv.qc.ca/coronavirus-19/>

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