

THREE AVIGNON MUNICIPALITIES REACH LEVEL 4 (RED)

GASPÉ, OCTOBER 4TH 2020 – Due to the worrying epidemiologic situation and in order to limit the spread of the virus in the **municipalities of Maria, Carleton-sur-Mer and Nouvelle**, the Public Health Regional Director for the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region Dr Yv Bonnier Viger has declared a level 4 state of alert (**red**) applicable for these three municipalities' territories. This decree will come into effect on **Monday, October 5th 2020 at 11:59pm** and will remain valid until further notice.

The key measures for Level 4-Maximum Alert (red) situations are the following:

- Visitors from another address are prohibited at home (houses and cottages). [Some exceptions may be allowed](#);
- Inter-regional travel and travel between municipalities are not recommended toward a green, yellow or orange zone (except for essential travel, students, workers, shared custody, freight transportation);
- Activities organized in a public place are prohibited, except for places of worship and funerals (maximum of 25 people and an attendance register must be kept);
- Auditoriums, cinemas, theatres and museums are closed. Libraries other than those in educational institutions are also closed, except lending desks;
- Visits in hospitals, long-term care facilities (CHSLD), private retirement residences (RPA) and intermediate resources (RI) are on hold except for informal caregivers and for humanitarian purposes;
- Restaurants' dining rooms are closed. Delivery, takeout and drive-through orders are still permitted;
- Bars are closed. Microbreweries and distilleries are closed only for their services for consumption of food or beverages on the premises.

For more information on level 4 measures: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progressive-regional-alert-and-intervention-system/level-4-maximum-alert-red/>.

Quotes:

"Epidemiological changes are worrisome in Avignon, and particularly in the municipalities of Maria, Carleton-sur-Mer and Nouvelle. Community transmission is high, and senior citizens are the most

impacted in these communities at the moment. This is why we have decided with our local partners to do things properly in order to stop this virus from spreading more. We all share the responsibility of making the necessary efforts to protect each other and our communities!”

Dr Yv Bonnie Viger, Public Health Regional Director, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine

“We need to take the necessary measures to stop the steadily increase of cases in our territory. Therefore, I ask all people to take this situation seriously and to respect official health measures so that we can rapidly go back to the state of affairs we enjoyed during the summer.”

M. Mathieu Lapointe, Carleton-sur-Mer Mayor and MRC d’Avignon Prefect

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