

## **GASPÉ HOSPITAL BECOMES THE DESIGNATED COVID-19 REGIONAL CENTER**

**GASPÉ, OCTOBER 5TH 2020** – The Gaspé Health and Social Services Centre (CISSS) wishes to inform the public on the Gaspé Hospital becoming the designated regional center for COVID-19 patients who require hospitalization. Note that transfers of patients in need of intensive care and/or living in the vicinity of Sainte-Anne-des-Monts to the Rimouski Hospital will be continued as planned.

A full floor is now dedicated to COVID patients. It consists of 10 beds and a full team of practitioners trained to follow the best infection prevention and control guidelines and practices. The necessary services and itineraries have been set up in order to allow the Gaspé CISSS to safely welcome and treat patients.

### General message

Please remember that people wanting to get tested must first call 1 877-644-4545. In order to better test people with high infection probabilities, testing may be denied to individuals who are not part of priority clientele. Priority clientele consist of people showing COVID-19 symptoms, and people who have had significant contact with infected individuals. It is advised not to seek testing if you do not meet these criteria, except under recommendation from public health officials or from a medical practitioner.

People are invited to respect the following 4 ground rules in order to limit the spread of the virus:

- Stay home if you or someone in your household shows COVID-19 symptoms. Visit <https://covid19.quebec.ca/surveys/cdd2/introduction> to assess if a COVID test is required;
- Wash your hands often during the day, particularly if interacting with objects that have been touched by or shared with other people;
- Always stay at a distance of at least 2 metres (around 6 feet) from people who do not live in your household;
- Wear a face covering in public spaces at all times.

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