

## APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING FOR SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

**GASPÉ, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2020** – Due to ongoing work being done on the *Clicsanté* website, appointment scheduling for seasonal flu vaccinations is currently impossible. Consequently, the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine regional public health authority is postponing all appointment scheduling till **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2020**.

Given the current context, people who wish to get vaccinated this year **are required to schedule an appointment**. Additionally, **it is now possible for people to get vaccinated during a medical appointment as well as during a visit to the emergency room**. This new possibility will help reduce over-crowding in vaccination clinics.

Starting **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, people who wish to get vaccinated will be able to schedule an appointment on the <http://www.clicsante.ca> website or by calling 1 844 689-1202.

Please remember seasonal vaccination is highly recommended for people who are the most at risk of complications in case of infection:

- Individuals who are more than 6 months old and live with specific [chronic conditions](#);
- Pregnant women in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester;
- Seniors over 75 years of age.

In order to decrease transmission risks, free vaccination is also available to:

- Individuals who live with infants under 6 months old or with individuals with a high risk of hospitalization or death, as well as their informal caregivers;
- Healthcare professionals, particularly those who have direct contacts with patients.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cisss-gaspesie.gouv.qc.ca/sante-publique/maladies-infectieuses/grippe-saisonniere-influenza/>

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