

## MARIA AND CHANDLER HOSPITALS DECLARED COVID-19 DESIGNATED CENTERS

**GASPÉ, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2020** – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine wishes to inform people both Maria and Chandler hospitals are declared designated centers for patients who need Covid-19 treatment from this day on. Patients in need of intensive care will be transferred out of the region, following COOLSI routes that have been developed at the provincial level.

Along with the other beds the Gaspé's Hospital dedicated to Covid-19, our region has now a total of 30 beds to that end, with 13 in Maria and 7 in Chandler.

Services and routes needed to insure COVID-19 patients are safely accommodated will be enforced in order to make sure prevention and infection control measures are followed by all.

### General message

People are invited to follow a set of 4 basic rules to prevent 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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