

COVID-19: VACCINATION BEGINS IN GASPÉSIE

Gaspé, December 22nd, 2020 – The CISSS de la Gaspésie confirms that the vaccination campaign to fight the COVID-19 virus will begin Wednesday the 23rd of December at the CHSLD in New Carlisle.

For this first vaccine delivery, the choice of location had to meet specific criteria set by Pfizer. "The CHSLD in New Carlisle is a strategic choice because of its centralized location, and more precisely, for its proximity to several CHSLDs in the region, thus covering a large number of staff who are working in them" indicated the assistant director general and director of nursing care of the CISSS de la Gaspésie, Ms. Johanne Méthot.

The first people to be vaccinated will be clients prioritized by the Ministry of Health and Social Services (MSSS), that is to say the residents of the CHSLD of New Carlisle, family caregivers ([based on pre-established criteria](#)) and the staff working there. In addition, some vulnerable residents of intermediate resources and family-type resources of the MRC of Bonaventure could be vaccinated at the same time if their vulnerability and the level of care they require correspond to those of CHSLDs. Additionally, the staff of neighboring CHSLDs are also priority clients.

In order to ensure the safety of the premises in terms of infection prevention and control, we have two very distinct trajectories for the employees and residents of the New Carlisle CHSLD and other clients who will come to the facility to obtain the vaccine.

"We are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel, however, even though vaccination has begun we must not forget the health measures that we have been asking the population to follow since the start of the pandemic. These will have to be followed rigorously until a good percentage of the population is vaccinated" specified the regional director of public health, Dr Yv Bonnier Viger.

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