

COVID-19: BEGINNING OF THE NEXT STAGE OF VACCINATIONS IN THE GASPÉSIE

Gaspé, March 5th, 2021 - The CISSS de la Gaspésie will begin a second round of vaccinations on its territory next week; for the month of March alone, the CISSS has obtained 7,280 doses of vaccines (Pfizer 4,680) (Moderna 2,600).

The vaccination clinics are being planned as follows:

- **Week of March 8th:** MRC de la Côte-de-Gaspé: vaccination of priority groups not yet completed followed by 85 years and over
- **Week of March 15th:** MRC Rocher-Percé: vaccination of priority groups not yet completed and then 85 years and over
- **Week of March 15th:** MRC Bonaventure: vaccination of people 80 years and over
- **Week of March 22th:** MRC de la Haute-Gaspésie: vaccination of people 80 years and over
- **Week of March 29th:** MRC Rocher-Percé: vaccination of people 80 years and over
- **Week of April 4:** MRC Côte-de-Gaspé: vaccination of people 80 years and over

For our smaller vaccination sites:

- **Week of March 29th:** Pointe-à la Croix, Mont-Louis, Grande-Vallée, Murdochville, St-Georges-de-la Malbaie and Port-Daniel will hold vaccination clinics

Following this stage, the vaccination coverage percentage will be approximately the same level across our MRCs, including the MRC Avignon where vaccination clinics were held on February 19th and 20th. The Mi'gmaq nations of Gespeg, Gesgapegiag and Listuguj have held their vaccination clinics.

In April, we should receive more doses of PFIZER and MODERNA vaccines every week; however, the number is not yet confirmed. Thus, there will be several vaccination sites throughout the territory during the same week. In addition, we are awaiting confirmation of delivery of the COVISHIELD vaccine.

Once arrival dates are confirmed for the next vaccine deliveries, we will communicate the dates of vaccination clinics by MRC.

People who have already received a first dose of vaccine will receive the second dose sixteen weeks after the first dose instead of twelve weeks. These people will be contacted to let them know the date, time and place of their appointment.

To make an appointment you must call 1-877-644-4545 or register on the MSSS website: www.quebec.ca/vaccinocovid

We remind you of the importance of continuing to respect the sanitary measures. To date, the people of the Gaspésie have succeeded by working together to control this virus. We thank you for your efforts, and again we ask for your continued commitment and contribution.

“People who have been vaccinated must strictly follow basic health measures to protect themselves and others from the virus. The vaccine protects against severe forms of the disease, but we do not yet know if it prevents transmission of the virus,” states regional director of public health, Dr Yv Bonnier-Viger.

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