

CHANGES CONCERNING AIR TRANSPORT IN MUNICIPALITIES OF THE SECONDARY NETWORK ON THE LOWER NORTH SHORE

Blanc-Sablon, August 28th, 2019 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord would like to notify the population of certain changes in effect on October 1st, 2019 concerning air transport for medical evacuations for the residents of Tête-à-la-Baleine, La Tabatière and Harrington Harbour.

The company Héli Express becomes the service provider, with a faster helicopter able to accommodate twice as many passengers, which means 10. Above all, this helicopter is able to meet all the emergency medical evacuation needs. This BK-117 aircraft is equipped with two engines and a cargo door, which was not the case before.

This helicopter service will also be available six days a week, from November 1st, 2019, for the population of Tête-à-la-Baleine and La Tabatière who has to travel for medical appointments.

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord believes that these changes will allow improving the services to residents of the “small coast”, who will be able to travel in a timely manner with the implementation of an improved flight frequency.

Representatives of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord will meet with the concerned communities once again in September in order to explain the functioning of the transportation system and to address the various concerns. Details concerning the schedule will be discussed during this tour.

Residents of the Lower North Shore who want to get more details or to share their concerns may do so by email at 09cisssprojethelico@ssss.gouv.qc.ca or by telephone at 1-877-962-9761, ext. 455057.

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