

INFORMATION REGARDING THE FERRY IN BLANC-SABLON

Blanc-Sablon, March 25th, 2020 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord wishes to inform the population of the measures taken after a group of travellers arrived in Blanc-Sablon with the Kamutik.

A small number of people from Labrador, who were returning from a cruise, were on board. When they arrived in Canada, on March 14th, 2020, these people received the recommendation to isolate for 14 days in Newfoundland, which they did until they boarded the ferry on March 23rd. They were placed in isolation, in a cabin, until the ferry docked in Blanc-Sablon on March 25th, 2020. As soon as they arrived, the travellers were evaluated by nurses from the CISSS de la Côte-Nord.

As they were isolated and show no symptoms related to COVID-19, there is no risk of transmission to other passengers of the ship or to the population.

Furthermore, the clinical team from Newfoundland's public health division gave information and issued directives related to COVID-19 to all passengers of the ship. These interventions were done in collaboration with representatives from the CISSS de la Côte-Nord, including public health nurses.

If you feel concerned or anxious about COVID-19, you can call this toll-free number: **1 877 644-4545** or visit this website: <https://www.quebec.ca/coronavirus/>.

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