

CLARIFICATION ON THE ROAD ACCESS CONTROL POINTS ON THE NORTH SHORE

Baie-Comeau, May 17th, 2020 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord would like to remind the population of certain details following the announced upholding of road access control points until May 31st, 2020.

Travels into the North Shore are only authorized if they are essential and if they meet the following criteria:

- Main place of residence on the North Shore.
- Transportation of goods to ensure the continuity of the priority service offer.
- Travels to get health care or services, or to provide health care and services to someone.
- Workers in workplaces where activities have not been suspended (priority activities), as well as minimum operations required to ensure the resumption of non-priority activities.
- Travels for humanitarian reasons.
- Court orders and agreements relating to child custody.
- People arriving directly from one of the regions to which access is limited (except for the access to the Lower North Shore, where the Public Health Director prohibits all non-essential circulation from outside the North Shore health region or from any other sector of this region).

Minganie and Lower North Shore

The access control point in Minganie has been lifted. A new access control point is now located in Kegaska, at the western entry point of the Lower North Shore, in order to protect the population of this isolated territory. This access control point will remain effective until a date to be determined. The criteria mentioned above also apply to travels in this sector.

You can get more information on the restricted access to the North Shore health region (including the Lower North Shore), as well as on applicable mandatory isolation regulations, by calling 1 833 390-0625 (418 287-3280, ext. 712200 for people in Fermont). **The purpose of this telephone line is not to authorize travel. The Sûreté du Québec is in charge of granting or refusing access to the North Shore health region (including the Lower North Shore), based on applicable Orders in Council, Ministerial Orders and court orders.**

Measures to be followed

Indoor and outdoor gatherings are prohibited, with certain exceptions. It is very important to respect the two-metre physical distancing rule between people. Wearing a face covering in public is recommended when physical distancing is not possible, such as when you go to the grocery store. Also, wash your hands often with soap under warm running water for at least 20 seconds.

For general information, visit <http://www.cisss-cotenord.gouv.qc.ca/en/public-health/covid-19/public-information/> or <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/>.

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