

COVID-19: SITUATION ON THE LOWER NORTH SHORE REGARDING THE BELLA DESGAGNÉS

Blanc-Sablon, October 1st, 2020 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord wants to inform the population that a person who worked on the Bella Desgagnés has received a positive COVID-19 test result.

The person in question has been off the boat since September 28th, 2020 and is not in the region anymore. They have not been in contact with the ship's passengers. The public health investigation is currently being carried out in order to identify people who may have been in contact with them. The risk of COVID-19 transmission is considered low.

The ship was disinfected and strict preventive measures are in place. The ship will continue transporting merchandise on the Lower North Shore, but without passengers. There are no risks of transmitting COVID-19 during merchandise delivery; the workers involved have no contact within two metres of each other and they are required to wear a mask. When they arrive in Sept-Îles on October 5th, 2020, the ship's staff will be tested for COVID-19.

Reminder of measures

In order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, it is important to follow these measures at all times:

- Wash your hands frequently, for 20 seconds, using soap and warm water, or use an alcohol-based solution;
- Stay two metres away from other people;
- Wear a mask or face covering in public places;
- If you are sick, avoid gatherings, contacts with vulnerable people and going into public places.
- A person who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 can call 1 877 644-4545 for an evaluation of their condition, and an appointment for a screening test.

For more information about COVID-19, visit <https://www.quebec.ca/en/coronavirus/> or the website of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord: <https://www.ciass-cotenord.gouv.qc.ca/en/public-health/covid-19/>.

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