

APPOINTMENT OF DR. RICHARD FACHEHOUN AS PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH SHORE

Baie-Comeau, April 16th, 2021 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord announces the appointment of Dr. Richard Fachehoun as Public Health Director of the North Shore. He will take office on April 19th, 2021.

This appointment was confirmed by the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Christian Dubé, following a recommendation of the Board of Directors of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord. It is effective until March 31st, 2025.

Dr. Fachehoun has been acting as medical specialist in public health and preventive medicine at the CISSS de la Côte-Nord since July 2017. He has also been serving as medical assistant to the Public Health Director since January 2021. Previously, he served as lecturer for the bachelor's and master's degree in nursing science at the Université du Québec en Outaouais, and as general practitioner in Benin, where he was involved in vaccination, the overall care of people living with HIV, and the implementation of community interventions.



Born in Benin, Dr. Fachehoun holds a Doctor of Medicine and a graduate degree in public health and preventive medicine from Université Laval, as well as a master's degree with a thesis on community health. He is a member of the Collège des médecins du Québec and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Fachehoun has been heavily involved in public health initiatives since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and he is known for his leadership, professionalism and ability to mobilize teams. In an effort to improve the population's health and reduce social inequalities in health, he focuses his actions on partnerships to strengthen intersectoral initiatives on determinants of health. Moreover, he aims to support innovation in the relaunch of activities in all areas of public health, including protection, prevention and promotion, evaluation, and the monitoring of the population's health.

The Head Office and the Board of Directors of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord want to congratulate Dr. Fachehoun for his appointment. They also take this opportunity to thank Dr. Donald Aubin, who served as Interim Public Health Director since 2019.

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