

THE CISSS DE LA CÔTE-NORD PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE SERVICE REDUCTIONS

Baie-Comeau, September 15th, 2021 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord wants to provide an update on the service reductions experienced in its facilities because of the nursing staff shortage.

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord is aware that these situations are concerning for the population, and points out that it does everything to provide safe care to users. It intensifies its efforts to fill positions on all shifts to ensure that these reductions do not last on the long term.

CLSCs of the eastern North Shore

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord recognizes the importance of local services provided in the CLSCs of the North Shore, especially in Minganie and on the Lower North Shore. Our main objective is to resume normal services as soon as possible in all CLSCs on the territory.

“We understand that the difficult decisions made this summer may have worried the population. We would rather have maintained all services, but the nursing staff shortage is really hurting us. We keep reorganizing services to minimize the impact on the population until the return to normal”, says the President and executive director of the CISSS, Ms. Manon Asselin.

The CISSS informs the population as soon as a service reduction materializes. There is very little time between the decision-making and the public announcement, because solutions are analyzed every day, and the goal always remains to avoid service reductions.

Mother-child centre in Sept-Îles

The service reduction at the nursery of the Hôpital de Sept-Îles must be maintained until September 23rd, 2021. This measure was supposed to be effective from midnight on August 28th to 8:00 a.m. on September 13th.

During this period, deliveries are still possible at the Hôpital de Sept-Îles. However, should a baby require special monitoring at the nursery, it would need to be transferred to another establishment. Moreover, women with a high-risk pregnancy, whose newborn may require intensive care, will be evaluated and transferred to another establishment if necessary.

No newborn from outside who requires care and monitoring may be admitted to the Hôpital de Sept-Îles. Care must continue being provided by the establishment where they were already followed up.

Furthermore, there will be a service reduction in pediatrics from noon today, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20th. Therefore, children who need to be hospitalized will be transferred to another hospital.

Mother-child centre in Baie-Comeau

A return to normal is expected today at the mother-child centre of the Hôpital Le Royer in Baie-Comeau. A service reduction in pediatrics and at the nursery was announced in August.

The management of the CISSS wants to acknowledge the efforts and devotion of its staff across the territory, after a demanding summer and within the context of the ongoing pandemic. The CISSS de la Côte-Nord also wants to thank the population for its collaboration and understanding.

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