

## TEMPORARY SLOWDOWN OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup>

**Baie-Comeau, November 20, 2023** – Due to the strike of unionized staff scheduled on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord wants to inform the population that this situation may cause a temporary slowdown or delays in telephone and in-person services.

All facilities of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord will remain open.

### Appointments in our services

- Some appointments will have to be postponed. Those affected have received or will soon receive a call to move the appointments as soon as possible.
- Unless you have been notified of a postponement beforehand, go to your appointment or surgery at the appointed time.

### Specimen collection centres

A slowdown should also be expected in specimen collection centres. In Baie-Comeau, Forestville and Les Escoumins, walk-in specimen collection will only be accessible for analyses deemed urgent by a health professional and specimen collections for a follow-up (e.g., anticoagulant (Coumadin), cancer treatment, transplant follow-up, pregnancy follow-up, etc.).

In other centres of the region where specimen collection is offered by appointment, services are maintained as usual, but a slowdown should be expected.

### Reduced opening hours

The CLSC Marie-Leblanc-Côté in Chute-aux-Outardes will only be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. As for the CLSC de Godbout, it will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The employer and union bodies of the CISSS are working together to maintain the identified essential services. Access of users to the services of the establishment must also be guaranteed at all times. Visitors and family caregivers will still be admitted in the facilities.

The management of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord is aware of the impacts of this situation on users, and thanks you for your cooperation.

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