

RETURN OF THE USE OF THE MASK IN CERTAIN UNITS OF THE CISSS DE LA CÔTE-NORD

Baie-Comeau, December 5, 2023 – Given the increase of the number of COVID-19 cases in care settings and the spread of other respiratory viruses, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord announces that the use of the procedure mask is now mandatory in certain units.

This measure is specifically intended to protect vulnerable users. Therefore, as of December 6th, wearing a mask is mandatory for users, volunteers, visitors, family caregivers and staff members in the following units in hospitals and multiservice health and social services centres of the region:

- Emergency department (including the waiting room);
- Short-term hospitalization unit;
- Intensive care unit;
- Short-term geriatric unit and intensive functional rehabilitation unit;
- Psychiatry unit;
- Hemodialysis;
- Oncology;
- Mother-child centre;
- Pediatric unit.

Wearing a mask is strongly recommended, but not mandatory, in other sectors outside care settings, common areas (hallways, cafeteria, break room, etc.) and waiting rooms (except at the emergency department).

Family caregivers and visitors with infectious symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) must postpone their visit.

Masks are available at the main entrances of hospitals and multiservice health and social services centres, as well as in the units concerned. Wearing a mask is not required in other facilities of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord unless otherwise specified, for example in case of an outbreak.

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord thanks you for your cooperation.

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