

## RETURN OF THE USE OF THE MASK IN CHSLDs OF THE NORTH SHORE

**Baie-Comeau, December 21, 2023** – Due to the increased circulation of respiratory viruses and the presence of outbreaks in some environments, 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 CHSLDs of the region.

This measure, which is specifically intended to protect vulnerable users, applies to family caregivers, visitors, volunteers and all workers and physicians. Wearing a mask is mandatory in all sectors of CHSLDs as soon as you enter and until further notice. The situation will be reassessed subsequently.

Residents are not required to wear a mask, except if they have infectious symptoms or if they have been in contact with a COVID-19 case.

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

### **Other facilities of the CISSS**

Since December 5<sup>th</sup>, the use of the 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.

Masks are available at the main entrances of CHSLDs, 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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