

RESUMPTION OF SERVICE AT THE MOTHER-CHILD CENTRE OF THE HÔPITAL LE ROYER IN BAIE-COMEAU

Baie-Comeau, June 5, 2024 – The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de la Côte-Nord announces the reopening of the nursery and pediatric ward of the mother-child centre of the Hôpital Le Royer in Baie-Comeau on June 6th, at 8:00 a.m. These services have been reduced since May 18th due to staff shortage.

In this challenging context, numerous efforts were made to fill the various work shifts in order to restore all services. The management of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord would like to take this opportunity to highlight the dedication of its personnel, managers and medical teams in dealing with these challenges.

“The situation remains fragile in several sectors, but every effort is made to keep providing quality, safe care and services to everyone on the territory. This is possible thanks to the dedicated people who work in all facilities throughout our vast territory. I should also point out the collaboration of other establishments from the network that facilitated the arrival of resources in our region to support our teams. Keep in mind that on the North Shore, a single additional worker can enable the maintenance of certain services. We are grateful for these reinforcements from elsewhere in Quebec, as well as for newly hired employees who chose to join us. We are working with the teams of the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux to prepare the deployment of the national mobile team, whose resources are expected in the region as of June 20th,” commented Manon Asselin, President and executive director of the CISSS de la Côte-Nord.

Service reductions underway

Despite a reduced surgery volume, the rooms of both operating blocks in Sept-Îles and Baie-Comeau remained open in the past weeks. However, one room in each hospital will be closed for the summer, as it is usually the case.

Moreover, half of the beds (5 out of 10) of the pediatric unit in Sept-Îles were closed in order to maintain safe services with the available human resources. The situation is reassessed daily.

Our priority is to maintain the local care and service offering. However, certain patients may have to be transferred within the region or to other establishments in the province as a last resort if our hospital capacities are reached.

For more details on current service reductions, visit the page of the [CISSS de la Côte-Nord](#) website on the subject. It is updated as soon as changes occur.

The CISSS de la Côte-Nord is aware of the inconvenience caused by this situation and wants to thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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