

# Press Release

## For Immediate Release

### FIRST CASE OF COVID-19 IN THE OUTAOUAIS REGION

**Gatineau, March 18, 2020** – The CISSS de l'Outaouais is informing the public of a first case of Covid-19 in the region. The infected person had been travelling. She showed up at one of our facilities and took all the necessary precautions. She is currently in isolation at home and we are monitoring her condition very closely.

As we have been told from the beginning, the Public Health Directorate has launched a rigorous investigation to establish the contacts that this person has had since her return. All individuals who have been in contact with her will be called by the Public Health Team.

Although we now have our first case, the CISSS de l'Outaouais wants to reassure the public. This is the first case out of 281 test results conducted since screening began in the region on March 6, 2020. We are taking all necessary precautions and the infected person is in isolation.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais would also like to thank the health care staff. They are on the front lines, dealing with people who are worried and vulnerable.

Finally, we would like to point out that every citizen has a responsibility. Government guidelines and basic hygiene must be followed in order to limit the spread of the virus.

For more information on coronavirus, the public is invited to go to: [quebec.ca/coronavirus](http://quebec.ca/coronavirus).

People with concerns regarding COVID-19 can contact Services Québec at the following information line: 1-877-644-4545.

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