

# Press release

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### UPDATE ON COVID-19 FOR THE OUTAOUAIS AREA

**Gatineau, March 30 2020** – The CISSS de l'Outaouais confirms today 38 cases of COVID-19. Some of these cases are in the rural area. At this time, we are not in a situation of widespread community transmission, which means that we know who the source of contamination in each case is. Despite the relatively small number of cases compared to other regions of Quebec, we are asking the Outaouais population to respect the instructions issued by the government.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais also announces that three other employees of our organization are diagnosed with COVID-19, which brings the total to 5 employees affected by the virus. They are currently in isolation and we are monitoring their health condition very closely. Investigations are ongoing in order to retrace their contacts and those who needed to be placed in preventive confinement have been instructed to do so. The protection of both patients and employees remains a priority for our organization.

The CISSS de l'Outaouais continues to take all the necessary measures to fight the spread of Covid-19 in our region. The Public health department ensures that no detail is overlooked in terms of both contact investigations and provincial coordination. The responsibility of the population is of course essential in this pandemic period as we emphasize the importance of remaining in isolation except for essential travel.

To learn more on the coronavirus, the population is invited to visit [quebec.ca/coronavirus](http://quebec.ca/coronavirus).

People with concerns about COVID-19 can contact Services Québec at the following information line: 819-644-4545.

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