

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PREFECT CARYL GREEN

“Wash our hands and stand together.” This motto from the City of Trois-Rivières is inspiring. I thus ask residents of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais (MRC) to stay at home and respect social distancing measures in the face of the COVID-19 emergency and to wait before moving between neighbourhoods, between municipalities and between regions for now.

Together, we are doing our best to adhere to these measures to flatten the curve and maintain the capacity of the health system so that those in need can receive all the care they need.

- The offices of the MRC are closed except for priority services.
- Our police officers of the MRC's Sécurité publique are on the job throughout the territory to protect residents, businesses and construction sites.
- The 9-1-1 Urgent Call Center instructs you not to clog up the phone lines regarding assembly reports. Please use the following numbers: 819-459-9911 or 1-888-459-9911.
- The Government of Québec issued a decree on April 1st announcing the establishment of checkpoints in the Outaouais health region.
- The National Capital Commission (NCC) has decided to close access to Gatineau Park to all visitors since Monday evening, March 23. Our Sécurité publique in collaboration with other police services patrol access roads and parking lots to enforce this instruction.
- The municipal court of the MRC is closed. It is possible to pay your fine online. Simply [click here](#).

As your warden, I am in daily contact with the Centre intégré de la santé et des services sociaux (CISSSO), the Ministries of Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation, of Sécurité publique (MSP), the office of the Minister responsible for Outaouais region, the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ), the other wardens and mayors in order to follow developments of the situation, relay the information to municipal councils and their employees so that we can keep you updated.

The situation is changing quickly, and we are called upon to make decisions every day to protect you, our employees and to work with the various levels of government.

I want to assure you that despite the closure of our offices, the employees continue to move the files forward and stay the course so that the situation has the least possible impact on our territory.

I invite you to inform yourself about the situation of COVID -19 by consulting the official sources of the [Government of Quebec](#) and the [Government of Canada](#).

We have also set up a page on our [website](#) which is updated daily to centralize information in one place and answer your questions.

Finally, I would like to thank the seven mayors of the MRC and their respective administration for their availability and for the invaluable help they bring to us by relaying information on their Facebook accounts and by email.

The situation is exceptional, but to use Mr. Legault's words, this battle will be won together.

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