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## COVID – 19 FQM Bulletin

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Today, March 15, during his daily press briefing, the Prime minister of Quebec announced new measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus in Quebec, which now has 35 cases of infected people.

In particular, he announced the closure of the following gathering places:

- Leisure and amusement centre
- Pools, spas
- Libraries
- Ski centres
- Mega parks
- Movie theatre
- Training centres
- Bars and nightclubs
- Sugar shacks
- Buffets

In addition, the government wants to limit the capacity of public places. The Prime Minister asked restaurant owners to limit the number of customers to 50% of the capacity of their establishment in order to keep a distance of about one metre between people.

Quebecers are invited to limit their outings to the essentials.

### **Reminder of the measures announced in the past few days**

Yesterday, the Legault government declared a state of health emergency in Quebec. The Prime Minister also announced a ban on visits to long-term care facilities (CHSLD), intermediate resources and residences for seniors. Visits are also prohibited in hospitals. The Prime Minister also invited Quebecers aged 70 and over, deemed more vulnerable to the virus, to stay at home for the next few weeks.

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These measures are in addition to those announced in the past few days to curb the progression of the pandemic in Quebec.

- Ban on gatherings of 250 people or more.
- Daycare centres, schools, Cegeps and Universities closed from Monday, March 16, for two weeks.
- Asks Quebecers to renounce to travel outside the country.
- Recommendation to Quebecers returning from abroad to place themselves in voluntary isolation on their return for a period of 14 days.

A new information hotline (1-877-644-4545) has been set up to respond to requests from citizens worried about their health related to the coronavirus.

Finally, the National Assembly was convened Tuesday for the urgent adoption of additional funds.