

Press Release

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A new non-traditional site

In partnership with the Cité de la culture et du sport de Laval, the Place Bell Olympic skating rink will be used to accommodate users recovering from COVID-19.

Laval, May 5, 2020 – To free up beds at Hôpital de la Cité-de-la-Santé and provide care and services to residents of intermediary resources and residences for seniors, the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux (CISSS) de Laval has established a partnership with the Cité de la culture et du sport de Laval to convert the Place Bell Olympic skating rink into a site that will soon be capable of accommodating users recovering from COVID-19. In recent days, the space has been revamped to meet the standards required to ensure the care and safety of the users who will be transferred to this location. User needs will be given thorough consideration.

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The opening of this site, which will be done gradually, will be determined by different criteria and will need the approval of clinical and medical authorities. The date has not yet been selected. The CISSS de Laval has also asked the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST) to visit this non-traditional location to ensure it meets all required standards. In addition, the indoor spaces intended for users will be adapted based on the needs of users and on the recommendations of the infection prevention and control team.

Highlights of this partnership:

- The location will have a capacity of 50 people with COVID-19.
- All patients will have a private space, which will include a bed, a rocking chair, a table and a bedside lamp.
- There will also be spaces set up for personnel.
- Sufficient quantities of personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of employees and all medications needed by users will be available on site.
- The Place Bell amphitheatre will not be part of this non-traditional site.

The CISSS de Laval is asking the partners involved to respect the privacy of users who will be transferred to this non-traditional site.

The CISSS de Laval would like to thank the public for its valuable cooperation.

Related link:

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