

## President's word

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### **COVID COMMUNICATION** **YOUR SECURITY IS OUR PRIORITY**

The situation is improving in our various residences as the number of new infections stabilizes and the number of recovered residents increases significantly. The number of affected employees is also generally decreasing, and I applaud their work and dedication to ensuring the safety and comfort of our residents.

We had closed our red zone this week in St-Lambert, but a new resident tested positive yesterday and we therefore reopened the red zone.

The teams from our residences at the St-Lambert, Pointe-Claire and Longueuil sites have done a superb job in containing the outbreaks to date. After the silent propagation phase before the first screenings and the secondary wave after the subsequent screenings, the spread of the disease seems contained, thanks to everyone's hard work and respect of procedures for preventing and controlling the infections. We must remain humble and vigilant, because COVID is a difficult disease to stop. The outbreaks will unfortunately multiply this winter, but we anticipate that the situation will gradually improve with the arrival of vaccines during the winter, for both our employees and our residents, combined with the return of spring. At Excelsoins, we are focusing on the date of May 15, which will mark the turning point of this terrible health crisis that has hit Quebec since March 2020.

I would also like to thank our partners from the CISSS in the West Island of Montreal, in Montérégie-Est and in Montérégie-Center for their continued support in the fight against recent outbreaks. Your presence, your advice, and your support have sustained us. A big thank you from our teams and residents. All together, we will make it!

As always, our thoughts are with our families who have lost a loved one to this terrible disease. I extend our sincere sympathies to them on behalf of the entire Excelsoins team.

Christian G. Archambault, president