

**Press release**

**The *Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec* asks its members to restrain their treatments to chiropractic emergencies**

**Montreal, March 16th** – Following the provincial government guidelines issued last weekend, the *Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec* asks its members to postpone all appointments that are not urgent. This measure will help prevent the propagation of the virus.

From March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, all non-urgent appointments must be postponed. Chiropractors may still provide services to patients suffering from musculoskeletal injuries or other forms of physical incapacity. These guidelines were enforced to help reduce the number of visits in public hospitals for musculoskeletal conditions and to offer an effective therapeutic option for these patients while NOT contributing to the congestion in the public system. All maintenance or preventive care must be postponed in order to avoid non-essential movements as well as unnecessary contact as much as possible.

“The *Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec* wishes to be proactive and restrains non urgent appointments. Communication with our members is made on a regular basis to make sure that they contribute to the collective social effort. This situation is exceptional, and public safety is of the utmost importance. The main objective is to allow greater availability to the public healthcare professionals to treat higher-risk patients and to reduce the pressure on the public system. Our guidelines follow the government directives and we expect all of our members to comply”, explains Dr. Jean-François Henry, chiropractor and president of the *Ordre des chiropraticiens du Québec*.

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