
COVID-19 Pandemic - Quebec on pause until May 4, announces François Legault

QUÉBEC, April 5, 2020 / CNW Telbec / - In order to continue the considerable efforts to smooth the curve, limit the spread of the virus and save the maximum number of lives, the Premier of Quebec, François Legault, announced Sunday the extension of the closure of all non-essential businesses and businesses until May 4.

Accompanied by the Minister of Economy and Innovation, Pierre Fitzgibbon , François Legault clarified that the Government of Quebec is already working on the reopening of our businesses in order to gradually start the economy from May 4 or as soon as the authorities public health officials will recommend it. For the time being, all non-essential services and commercial activities remain closed.

Launch of the Le Panier Bleu initiative for local purchases

The Minister of Economy and Innovation, Pierre Fitzgibbon , took advantage of the daily press conference to present Quebecers with a brand new digital platform: Le Panier Bleu.

The Blue Basket is a grouping on the Web of a maximum of local products and services manufactured, distributed and sold by local businesses, in each of the regions of Quebec. From this innovative platform, Quebecers can be redirected to the transactional sites of Quebec companies in order to support those affected by the health emergency.

"Whenever possible, buy Quebec products from here to help Quebec businesses and to help Quebec workers. The Blue Basket will help us do this. Let's buy from Quebec! Let's buy local! Invited Mr. Legault.

Quebecers are invited to visit the website www.lepanierbleu.ca .

Quebec, first in North America in terms of containment, according to Google

The Prime Minister expressed his pride in seeing Quebec distinguish itself from all the states in North America in terms of respecting the instructions to stay at home.

Indeed, according to a study published by Google, the place where this directive is most respected is here. "Physical distance is the most powerful weapon we have to win the battle, and Quebecers have reason to be proud," congratulated Mr. Legault.

Follow the government's plan

With 7,944 confirmed cases of COVID-19 contagion and 94 deaths, this is not the time to relax our collective efforts. "The fight is far from won. We are entering the decisive period of this fight, "said the Prime Minister.

It is imperative to follow the plan set by the Government of Quebec and the public health authorities:

- Avoid any non-essential movement between regions, cities and even neighborhoods;
- No non-essential movement allowed between regions where police checkpoints are in place;
- Stay at home, except in case of necessity or exception;
- Respect a distance of 2 meters from each other;
- Wash hands frequently with soap.

Thanks to Quebec entrepreneurs

The Prime Minister, François Legault, and the Minister of Economy and Innovation, Pierre Fitzgibbon, reserved their thanks today for all the entrepreneurs of Quebec, those who worked hard to build their business, who made many sacrifices. Legault said the government will do everything it can to help them get back on their feet.

Quote:

"To finish smoothing the curve, to save as many lives as possible, we have to extend the break until May 4. We hope to start the economy again in a few weeks. However, I insist on one thing: if we relax our efforts, we will just delay the moment when we will be able to find our lives. The battle is not over. In fact, we are entering the decisive period of our fight against the virus. Every action counts more than ever. Each gesture saves lives. "

François Legault, Premier of Quebec

"I know how difficult the current situation is for many entrepreneurs and businesses in Quebec. Thanks to this new tool, Le Panier Bleu, I call on Quebecers to stand in solidarity with our local entrepreneurs and all their employees. It's time to change our buying habits. We are now buying local! "

Pierre Fitzgibbon, Minister of Quebec

Highlights:

- As of Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 6 p.m., there are 7,944 confirmed cases of people with COVID-19 in Quebec. There are currently 2,847 people being tested and whose results are pending. Also, 87,992 people were tested and received a negative result.
- Currently, 525 people are hospitalized, including 154 people in intensive care.
- The death toll stands at 94 in Quebec.

Related links:

- To learn more about the coronavirus, the public is invited to consult the [Québec.ca / coronavirus website](https://quebec.ca/coronavirus) .
- It is possible to obtain information using the coronavirus line according to the area code of your locality:
 - 418 644-4545
 - 450 644-4545
 - 514 644-4545
 - 819 644-4545
 - 1 877 644-4545 (toll free)
- To be on the lookout for data updates, follow the Twitter account of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux: https://twitter.com/sante_qc (@sante_qc).