

## Board Info

Information bulletin of the meeting of the Board of Directors

### Highlights of the scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors Special meeting of Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (by teleconference)

#### Report from the President and CEO

Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg wished the Board members a happy new year. He thanked all of the directors for attending this meeting outside their regular work hours.

#### Situation at the Jewish General Hospital (JGH)

As of January 6, 50 COVID-19-positive patients were hospitalized at the JGH. Of these, 17 are in Intensive Care and eight were declared COVID-19-positive after being admitted for reasons other than infection by the virus. The Intensive Care Unit is nearly full, resulting in a reduction in the number of operations. Surgeries are prioritized by a committee that meets daily. Priority is given to cancer cases and certain cardiac, vascular and neurological surgeries. The number of employees with COVID-19 remains stable at approximately 50.

For everyone's protection, the CIUSSS has resumed limiting the number of visitors entering the JGH, as was the case during the first wave of the pandemic.

#### Vaccination program

Dr. Rosenberg reported that the vaccination program was launched in mid-December, with a great deal of media attention. Since then, progress has been quite slow. All the doses that were received have been administered to residents of long-term care centres, staff who care for these residents, and a few healthcare workers who come into contact with patients in hot zones. Most long-term care residents want to be vaccinated. A large proportion of the healthcare workers who care for them do not want to be vaccinated at this time, which could become a problem that will have to be addressed later.

Administering the second dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines has been delayed until 90 days after the first dose, instead of the recommended three to four weeks. A letter was sent to the Assistant Deputy Minister to get clarification for the reasoning behind this decision. The MSSS controls the distribution of the vaccines and it decides who can receive them. The CIUSSS is obliged to respect these guidelines. The question remains: When will it be possible to vaccinate frontline employees and professionals at the JGH (Intensive Care, Emergency and Hemodialysis)? Currently, the CIUSSS does not have the necessary doses to do so.

Dr. Rosenberg congratulated the vaccination team and said the Board of Directors should feel reassured and proud of the team's leader Lucie Tremblay, Director of Nursing.

The schedule from the MSSS indicates that vaccination of the public should start at the beginning of March, with the prioritized groups going first. This depends entirely on the availability of the vaccines.

The pandemic has accelerated the deployment of the telehealth program. The government has also confirmed an additional \$2 million in funding for the Digital Health Program. As well, additional funds will be allocated to cyber-security.

### **Family Advocacy Committee at Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre**

Lucio D'Intino, President of the Users' Committee, said the Family Advocacy Committee of Donald Berman Maimonides Geriatric Centre has filed a formal notice against Quebec to request that the province administer the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine within the time frame specified by Pfizer.

Mr. D'Intino assured the Board of Directors and the CIUSSS's directors that the Family Advocacy Committee is in no way associated with the Users' Committee.

### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CIUSSS WEST-CENTRAL MONTREAL**

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The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on:

**Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 7:30 a.m.  
by videoconference**

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