



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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## **Red alert: Vaudreuil-Dorion reviews its activities**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** – Over the past few days, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion has had to review all of its activities in light of the red alert level, in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, decreed by the Government of Quebec for municipalities that are part of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM).

All municipal buildings remain open, with the exception of the municipal library, which since today offers a contactless loan service (car pick-up) and delivery to people in need. Users are encouraged to reserve their materials online or by phone and will be contacted to schedule an appointment. While City offices remain accessible to citizens, the City continues to promote online services where possible (permit applications, requests, event registration, etc.).

### **Parks**

All neighbourhood parks and the skateboard park remain open. There will be increased surveillance in these areas to ensure that users respect the physical distance.

### **Activities**

The Recreation and Culture team has been working hard to offer diverse programming this fall. Currently, some activities have had to be removed from the schedule. As different avenues are being considered, it is recommended that you visit the City's Web site regularly and follow the Facebook page to find out what is on offer this fall.

Gymnasium activities, sports workshops, free swimming, free skating and free field hockey remain available. Spaces are limited according to the government measures in effect and registration is required via the activity registration platform on the website . All activities are adapted in a safe environment that respects the health measures in effect (employees will be on site to enforce them).

Registrations for swimming lessons are postponed to October 6, 12:30 p.m.

The lectures usually presented at the library will be held by videoconference, as will the Eco-Discoveries. In both cases, registration is required and a Zoom link will be emailed to participants.

The original Halloween story time will be cancelled. We are considering an alternative way to entertain the toddlers.

The offer of the digital creation space (The LAB) will be adapted according to the context. Details will be released shortly.

### **Maison Félix-Leclerc**

It was decided to close the Maison Félix-Leclerc for the fall. The artists of the Traitd'artiste collective who were to establish their residency there will visit us in 2021. As for the meeting evenings, which were to take place exceptionally at the Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste, the visit of Vincent Vallières is again postponed. The decision to hold or not the meetings of Philippe Brach and Anne-Marie Cadieux, as well as to welcome the artists in residence for the months of November and December, will be made according to the evolution of the situation and the government standards in force.

### **Compliance with government instructions**

The increase in COVID-19 cases across the province is a concern. The Government of Quebec is asking for a collective effort to limit the spread of the virus. It is in this spirit that the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is calling on its population to respect these guidelines so that we do not repeat the closure of schools, businesses and shops as we did last spring. In this regard, we remind you of the importance of encouraging local purchasing and thus encouraging the local economy. Vaudreuil-Dorion's restaurant owners need to feel that the community supports them.