



Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Dear citizens of Mille-Isles,

In these times of the COVID-19 crisis, it is normal for our stress level to be higher than usual. Our individual freedoms have been drastically reduced by measures restricting our daily life, which can become a source of anxiety and depression for many of us. And yet, I am proud to see that our citizens are complying with government requirements. As of April 7, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19, as announced by the CISSS, reports 447 cases in the Laurentians, of which only 8 confirmed cases are in Argenteuil. Your efforts have paid off and I encourage you to continue to respect government instructions regarding sanitary measures, isolation, distancing and essential travel.

Prime Minister Legault says that we have not yet reached the peak of the first wave of contamination, and anxiety could become even more acute in the weeks to come. We have a responsibility to continue to help our neighbourhood in times of distress or lack of essential goods, while respecting the preventive measures.

By continuing to rely on the "cooperation and good faith" of citizens, the failure to respect the measures of containment and social distancing that you are witnessing must be denounced. Contact the Sureté du Québec if you consider that there are people who are clearly not complying with the requests made by Public Health. However, there are nuances to be made; the elderly at the grocery store may not have help. Instead of denouncing them, why not offer to do their shopping for them?

Denunciations published on social media serve no one, are of no use to anyone, and only fuel malicious speech. If you see something which resembles a serious breach of the public health protocols, help us by doing your civic duty by giving the information to the relevant authorities. Unlike the Sureté du Québec, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram do not have legal jurisdiction.

We are all going through difficult times and I urge you to remain civil and courteous to your neighbours.

Thank you for your understanding, keep following the instructions, and yes, it's going to be okay.

Howard Sauvé
Mayor of Mille-Isles