

A Dream Come True

**THE NEW MUSÉE DE LA SANTÉ ARMAND-FRAPPIER IN LAVAL
OPENING TO VISITORS TOMORROW!**

Laval, January 30, 2023 — The major relocation and development project of the **Musée de la santé Armand-Frappier** comes to fruition tomorrow, January 31, 2023, when the new 1,800 m² facility, adjacent to the **Laval Cosmodome**, officially opens its doors to welcome its first visitors. The project represents a \$14 M investment and includes two exhibition halls, four laboratories and three multifunction rooms on two floors.

Dr. Frappier's Legacy: Promoting the Understanding of Health Issues

The renewed institution which opens to the public tomorrow, is inspired by the spirit of Dr. Armand Frappier, a great Quebec pioneer in preventive medicine and vaccination. "Our institution contributes to the continuing education and training of our fellow citizens, young and old, to provide them with tools to take care of themselves, their loved ones, their community, other species and the planet, all these aspects of health being linked in the concepts of sustainable health and of One Health," said the Museum's Executive Director, **Guyline Archambault**. She invited the public to come and discover four scales of health: molecules and cells, individuals, populations and the planet through the permanent **4, 3, 2, 1... Santé!** exhibition and **Pandemics: Challenging Humanity**, a temporary exhibit on display until early September.

Three Times More Visitors Thanks to its Partners

For the Chairperson of the Museum's Board, Ms. **Rosemonde Mandeville**, "This is a major milestone for the institution which will carry on its educational mission on a human scale while reaching three times more visitors than before!" She pointed to the contributions of all the partners, including the City of Laval, which invested \$11.2 M and spearheaded the construction project and which supports the Museum's mission, Canadian Heritage, which funded the relocation project and supports the development of its travelling exhibits and the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications for its support of the permanent exhibition and its operation. Ms. Mandeville also acknowledged other partners such as the Cosmodome, with whom the Museum now shares common reception services and areas, Kanuk, which has generously provided lab coats for the Museum's laboratories, and Dr. Gervais Dionne, a major patron of the Museum for many years. The Minister responsible for the Laval region, **Christopher Skeete**, stated that he was "delighted with the support our government is providing the Museum. I invite citizens of all ages to come visit it and make discoveries through the exhibits and the labs, and to meet with the Museum's staff of scientific enthusiasts."

Another Major Asset for Laval's Cultural and Scientific Heritage

Laval Mayor **Stéphane Boyer** said he takes pride in the addition of this quality space for Laval's residents, visitors and tourists alike. "The Museum development project is a major step towards consolidating Laval's downtown core as a hub for tourism, museums and recreational activity. The Musée de la santé Armand-Frappier will further enhance the already rich and well established cultural and scientific realities on offer in Laval. I am convinced that the programming dedicated to human health will stimulate the curiosity and the amazement of visitors."

A Successful Strategic Relocation

The Minister of Canadian Heritage, **Pablo Rodriguez**, shared his congratulations on the success on the project: "This great new facility for the Musée de la santé Armand-Frappier, now located on the site of the Cosmodome, will allow for even better exhibits that kids and their families can come and enjoy to learn more about human health sciences. Congratulations to everyone that participated in this project!" The Department of Canadian Heritage also provided support for the temporary exhibition *Pandemics: Challenging Humanity*.

Discoveries, Lectures and Surprises for Spring Break

In addition to the two new exhibitions and participating in laboratory workshops, visitors will be able to attend a 20-minute theatrical performance entitled "*Armand Frappier: A Life's Work*" featuring the accomplishments of Dr. Frappier, from February 25 to March 5, 2023. Two conferences, on February 16 and March 29, given by experts *Stéphanie Burelle*, an emergency room physician and *Laurence Brière*, a researcher at UQÀM, and experts *Patrick Fillion*, biology professor and *Karl Weiss*, clinical and microbiology professor, will respectively feature the concept of One Health and the germs we share our bodies with.

About the Musée de la santé Armand-Frappier

The Musée de la santé Armand-Frappier opened its doors in 1994 with as its mission the promotion of the work of Dr. Frappier, a pioneer of microbiology and preventive medicine in Quebec. The Museum collects and preserves Quebec's heritage related to microbiology and health research. Following its relocation, the Museum occupies premises adjacent to the Laval Cosmodome, located at 2150, Autoroute des Laurentides, which house two exhibition halls of respectively 200 m² and 150 m², four 50 m² educational laboratories and three 50 m² multifunction rooms. A 50 m² storeroom serves as a showcase for the archival objects and documents of the Museum's three collections. To plan your visit and purchase tickets by booking online, visit: <https://museefrappier.org>

Opening hours: Monday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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