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Measures implemented in connection with the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

March 21, 2020 – In response to the government directives issued to combat the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Sûreté du Québec has put in place a special operation throughout Québec and adapted its service offer in order to ensure the safety of citizens and that of its personnel.

In the circumstances, the mandate of the Sûreté du Québec is to assist the ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux in applying the *Public Health Act*. To that end, some Sûreté du Québec personnel have been reassigned to key locations in municipalities with regard to the needs determined by public health authorities. With this in mind, their preventive patrols will be targeted in order to ensure the safety of citizens and ensure their well-being.

To reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible, the Sûreté du Québec has implemented new measures for interacting with the public. Although service points remain open, access to our police stations is now restricted. Citizens who go to their local police station will be invited to use the telephones available outside. If none are available, citizens must call the station's main telephone line, or dial *4141 or 310-4141.

Despite the exceptional circumstances caused by the pandemic, our police officers continue to provide citizens with the best services possible and we remain available to address your concerns.

Lastly, we have set up a web page that will be updated regularly. You can consult it on our website at <https://www.sq.gouv.qc.ca/covid-19/>.

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