

# Province, region update weekend Covid numbers

By Gordon Lambie

The Province of Quebec reported 1,793 covid-related hospitalizations on Monday, 156 more than there were on Friday of last week. Only 44 per cent of that total, or 766 cases, were in hospital directly because of the virus itself.

There were 69 people in the province's intensive care wards, a decrease from numbers not reported by public health on Sunday, but up seven from where they stood at the end of last week. In the case of ICU patients with COVID, 69 per cent, or 46 people, were in hospital because of the virus.

The province also recorded 32 new Covid-related deaths over the weekend, six of which were added on Monday. The total number of people considered to have died from the virus in the province since the start of the pandemic is now at 14,544.

In the Eastern Townships there were 123 people in hospital with COVID-19 on Monday, with two in intensive care.

The region reported no new deaths linked to the virus from Friday to Monday, keeping the regional total at 554.

# New Horizons students painting with pride



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Kayla Normandin working on adding her work to the mural project alongside artist Trevor Mckinven and project coordinator Jessica Girard.

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Students at New Horizons Adult Education Centre were putting the finishing touches on a mural project in their student lounge on Monday morning. Coordinated by Jessica Girard and Courtney Nichols of Joblinks, the project brought together close to thirty students over the course of three weeks for a series of

workshops focused on self-expression, helped by local artist Trevor Mckinven.

According to Girard, all of the students at the centre were invited to register for the three workshops that led up to the creation of the mural, and participation ranged between four and thirteen, depending on the group. Some of the centres' staff also joined in. Participants were encouraged

to consider aspects of personal motivation and identity in planning their part of the final project, and were supported in techniques and methods by Mckinven.

The result is a collective artwork in a student gathering space that highlights the diversities of identity, culture, and expression that exist within the centre that will last for years to come.

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