

Quebec continues to see a decrease in hospital numbers

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The province of Quebec reported a significant decrease in hospitalizations on Wednesday, with the number of people in hospital with COVID-19 decreasing by 122 to 2,730. The number of people in intensive care, meanwhile, decreased by 14 to 204.

There were 50 new deaths recorded, for a total of 13,336 since the start of the pandemic.

To date 51,152 rapid test results have been reported via the province's online portal, including 38,782 that showed positive results.

In the Eastern Townships there were 149 people in hospital with the virus on Wednesday, 17 of whom were in intensive care.

The region also recorded another new death, bringing the total since the start of the pandemic to 502.

As of Wednesday's update, first dose vaccination coverage for children 5-11 was at 63 per cent across Quebec, with 22 per cent having received a second dose. Meanwhile 46 per cent of those eligible to receive a booster shot had done so.

After having sat largely unchanged at 57 per cent for the last week, the first-dose rate for 5-11-year-olds in the townships increased slightly, to 58.2. The second dose rate for the region was equal to the provincial average.

Happy new SADD members in Mansonville



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In photo left to right: Jacob Vanier, Zennon Fournier, Ethan Ball, Amelya Jersey and Mya Gardner. Members absent from photo: Alexis Eldridge, Vicky Gaulin and Dakota Paige

By Mable Hastings

On Saturday, January 29, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre(CABMN) Students Against Destructive Decisions(SADD) Mansonville Chapter was able to hold its first gathering of 2022. The group of five members (Alexis Eldridge, Mya Gardner, Vicky Gaulin, Amelya Jersey and Dakota Paige) welcomed two additional members (Zennon Fournier and Jacob Vanier) to the group.

The day began with a discussion with the two new members and then the theme of the day was shared: "We're all in the same boat." Throughout the day

a variety of activities, games and team building revolved around the theme and while this is always a lot of fun; it also allows for a lot of reflecting and discussion. Members were given their long-awaited SADD sweaters and helped to determine upcoming fundraising and other activities that the group will partake in over the coming months is the Pandemic allows.

"The SADD youth help with the fundraising activities and are also consulted on how their funds are spent," explained Ethan Ball, Youth Program and SADD Coordinator. "The group is always conscientious about their spending and through their

initiative many things have been purchased to enhance the youth centre and programs as a whole," he added.

Through fundraisers like the Annual Rock-a-thon held each year in the fall and the second-hand jewelry sales, the group is able to continue to purchase promotional materials to bring awareness in the fight against destructive decisions as well as providing a space at the youth centre where equipment, activities, events and positive activities can be offered to youth of all ages.

"We are planning another second-hand jewelry and purse sale soon,"

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