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THE BIOBANQUE QUÉBÉCOISE DE LA COVID 19 REACHES 2 500 PARTICIPANTS

Montreal, February 25, 2021 – The Biobanque québécoise de la COVID-19 (BQC19) is proud to announce the recruitment of the 2500th participant. Recruitment began in April 2020 and has steadily increased ever since. This represents an important milestone for research into COVID-19 by providing essential data and biological specimens to study SARS-CoV-2 infection mechanisms, leading to a better understanding of COVID-19 causes and severity.

The recruitment of each participant to the BQC19 requires the concerted effort of many healthcare workers and research teams in order to collect biological material and clinical data coming from individuals infected or not with SARS-CoV-2. This collective effort represents more than a thousand hours of work invested by each institution participating to the BQC19. In addition to contributing to the development of scientific discoveries, the samples and data of participants help clinicians and researchers to:

- Improve understanding of COVID-19
- Stimulate the development of new treatment options
- Generate deeper knowledge of the immune response to the SARS-CoV-2 virus

BQC19 wants to thank every participant who voluntarily accepted to donate biological samples and to share medical data in order to support research projects on COVID-19, therefore contributing significantly to the advancement of scientific knowledge.

About BQC19

The Biobanque québécoise de la COVID-19 (BQC19) is an initiative supported by the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS), Génome Québec and the Public Health Agency of Canada to better understand the evolution and determinants of SARS-CoV-2 infection. The mission of the BQC19 is to ensure that scientists have access to the biological materials and data necessary for their research efforts on COVID-19, to respond effectively to the public health challenges posed by the pandemic on solid scientific bases within an appropriate ethical and legal framework.

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