

COVID-19 INFO

COCHRANE TEMISKAMING RESOURCE CENTRE

To: All Staff
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**“WASH YOUR HANDS, PHYSICALLY DISTANCE, STAY SAFE”
PLEASE CONTINUE WEARING YOUR MASK & SHIELD**



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



GET A VACCINE

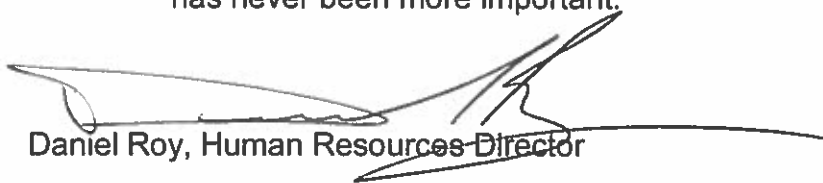
URGENT NEW DIRECTIVES

The CTRC Management Team continues to work and meet regularly to monitor the Covid-19 situation, plan and respond to any issues, monitor the regulations applicable to our services and to communicate key messages.

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has issued new directives for implementation on December 24th, 2021

- ✓ Ontario is seeing a significant increase in COVID-19 spread and the New Omicron Variant.
- ✓ All Family Visitors to Group Homes **MAY NOT ENTER THE HOME** unless they have completed and received a negative Rapid Antigen Test.
- ✓ **Parents/Friends and Family members** scheduled to visit December 24th to January 4th have all been contacted by Supervisors and we have made arrangements for testing or re-scheduling of visits.
- ✓ All future on-site visits will need to be pre-booked and rapid antigen testing arranged.
- ✓ When individuals are being picked up for an LOA the family member is to remain outside the home (Garage). Staff are to bring the individual to the family member who is waiting.
- ✓ PRT Staff entering any CTRC Residential Home for work (assessment, etc.) will also require Rapid Antigen Testing to be completed at 600 Toke Street the day of the planned visit.

- ✓ Protocols currently in place (e.g., temperature taking, wellness checks) continue when individuals return from an LOA/visit outside of the home. Additionally, the individual may be offered a rapid Antigen test in the days following their return and this will be completed by Health Services.
- ✓ ALL Unvaccinated Staff must continue Employer Supervised Rapid Antigen Testing at 600 Toke St. **The Clinic will be operational December 28th, 29th and 30th from 8:15 am to 4:15 pm.**
- ✓ After December 24th, all Unvaccinated Staff will also be required to complete a **SECOND** Rapid Antigen Test unsupervised at their home at the mid-point date between weekly supervised Rapid Antigen Tests.
- ✓ New Ministry directives will also require all other Fully Vaccinated Staff in Residential Services to complete unsupervised Rapid Antigen Testing with kits provided by the employer and results reported to the employer. Further details to follow, once supplies are received.
- ✓ The need for wearing PPE properly and implementation of all infection control measures has never been more important.



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