

# COVID-19 INFO

COCHRANE TEMISKAMING RESOURCE CENTRE

To: All Staff  
From: Daniel Roy  
Subject: Updates - Covid-19  
Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Winter Update

**“WASH YOUR HANDS, PHYSICALLY DISTANCE, STAY SAFE”  
PLEASE CONTINUE WEARING YOUR PPE’s**

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WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



GET A VACCINE

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**COVID-19 & PANDEMIC RESPONSE MEASURES  
FULL VACCINATION REMAINS A BEST PROTECTION**

The Pandemic and the continued response by Health, Congregate and Long-Term Care providers remains active and focused on the health and safety of all staff and service users.

This continued response has included regular Rapid Antigen Testing and mask wearing for all staff working in congregate care settings.

Our practice when either staff experience Covid-19 symptoms and/or have a RAT positive test has been to direct staff to the Covid-19 assessment centre for further confirmation with a PCR test.

In terms of mask wearing we have maintained wearing the mask at all times when working in Residential and CSS locations when individuals are present.

Moving forward we are making the following changes in practice:

- ✓ Staff with a positive Rapid Antigen Test will not automatically be required to attend a Covid-19 Assessment Centre to complete a PCR test. Supervisors may suggest attending for a PCR test.
- ✓ A positive RAT test will be taken as confirmation of having a Covid-19 infection.
- ✓ Staff presenting with Covid-19 symptoms BUT testing negative on a RAT test may return to work once symptoms are improving and they must continue doing RAT tests.
- ✓ Staff may temporarily remove their masks in residential homes and at CSS when individuals are absolutely guaranteed to not be within 6 feet of you.
- ✓ Any care that is client facing or any time individuals are in close proximity (less than 6 feet), a mask is required to be worn.
- ✓ Any home placed in isolation/outbreak staff must keep N95 masks and eye protection on at all times.

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Covid-19 Winter Communication

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Roy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Roy, Human Resources Director, HRPA Member

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