

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 PPE’s**



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS



GET A VACCINE

**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.

Updated Covid-19 Guidance has been provided.

We continue to:


- In Residential Services, all staff are required to wear a mask at all times when client-facing or any time individuals are in close proximity (less than 6 feet).
- Staff may temporarily remove their masks in group homes when individuals are absolutely guaranteed to not be within 6 feet of you.
- We continue to have passive monitoring of symptoms and reporting any Staff symptoms to Supervisors and client symptoms to Health Services and Supervisors.
- Any Staff with a PCR/RAT covid-19 positive test must remain away from the group home workplace 10 days and may only return after 10 days if symptoms are improving.
- Cleaning and air purification continue to be required in group home settings.
- Isolation and outbreak protocols remain in place. (N95, visors, etc.)
- A positive RAT 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.

Effective Immediately:

- Masking in Day Program and in other services (PRT), even when within 6 feet, is not required.
- The 3 times a week surveillance Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) for CSS and Group Home Staff ends.
- RAT for visitors to group home settings ends.
- Only Staff with symptoms should test and report any positive result to their Supervisor.
- Covid-19 positive visitors should not visit a group home for 10 days from onset of symptoms/positive test date.
- We continue to have RAT kits available for staff to use if they have symptoms.
- The Ministry will no longer provide RAT kits after June 2023.
- The guidance to remain 2 meters (6feet) apart from others to prevent the transmission of Covid-19 ends.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support the health and well-being of individuals supported and each other.

Respectfully,



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