



MARCH 28TH, 2023

# TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



**WEBINARS AND EVENTS:**

**NEXT VACCINE SITE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN AND SSHA**

**Date:** March 31st 2023  
**Time:** 10:00am -11:00am

[Click HERE for the Zoom link.](#)

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**UPCOMING SECTOR TABLE MEETINGS:**

**Women's Sector Meeting**  
March 1st  
10am-11:30am

**Youth Sector Meeting**  
March 17th  
10am-12pm

## COVID-19/ VACCINES AND OTHER

### COVID-19 and Monkeypox

#### SSHA Updates to COVID-19 Directives

- As of March 15th 2023, SSHA has updated Directive 2020-01 and 2020-02. These changes include updates to the use of protective eyewear, and screening procedures:

#### 1) Updates to protective eyewear

- Removing the requirement to wear daily eye protection, except when:
  - Providing direct care to clients who are suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 or in a suspected or declared COVID-19 outbreak
  - Performing Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures

#### 2) Updates to screening procedures

- Removing active daily screening requirements (for staff, clients, visitors), but continuing for:
  - All new clients and clients transferred from other sites. All new and transferred clients should continue to be actively screened using the [COVID-19 Client Screening Tool for Homelessness Service Settings](#) upon admission or intake.

#### Scheduling Vaccine Clinics

- Moderna and Pfizer bivalent COVID-19 vaccines continue to be available for shelter clients and staff (18 years or older for Moderna, and 12 years or older for Pfizer), as a booster dose for people who have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccine series. **[Click here for more information regarding vaccine eligibility.](#)**
- To organize an ICHA vaccine clinic or request for health promotion services, submit a request to Population Health Services Request Form: **[click here for the form.](#)**
- To organize a TPH vaccine (COVID-19 or influenza) clinic, please submit a request to schedule a mobile clinic: **[here](#)** or email Linda Godfrey at [linda.godfrey@toronto.ca](mailto:linda.godfrey@toronto.ca) from TPH to book a one time visit or reoccurring immunization clinics.

## MEET THE FRONTLINES: STORY SERIES

- The Toronto Shelter Network (TSN) is conducting interviews with frontline workers in the sector. The purpose of the interview is to learn more about frontline shelter workers experiences in the shelter system as a staff/ frontline worker. Pieces of this interview would then be shared within our social media pages (Twitter, LinkedIn, TSN website).
- Please click [HERE](#) to view stories of frontline workers that have been interviewed.
- If you are interested or know a frontline worker who would be interested in being interviewed, please connect with Stephanie at [stephanie@toshelternetwork.ca](mailto:stephanie@toshelternetwork.ca)

## WARMING CENTRE UPDATES

- The Mitchell Field Community Centre will no longer be used as a Warming Centre due to the space being required for previously scheduled community programming.
- Willowdale Baptist Church at 15 Olive Ave will serve as a Warming Centre location as needed for the rest of the winter season.
- . To find up to date information on Warming Centres and activation, please click [HERE](#)

## UPCOMING TAX SEASON RESOURCES

Please see below links that may be useful for the tax season:

[Free tax clinics - Canada.ca](#)

[How to get your benefit payment while staying at a shelter](#)

## RESOURCES

[Toronto Drop In Network: Drop-in finder](#)

[Park and Recreation Washrooms and Drinking Water](#)

[City of Toronto: Homeless Help](#)

[Health Indicator Dashboard](#)

## WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

### **Current Vaccination Status at Reporting Shelter Locations:**

All programs:

- 79% have received first dose!
- 70% are fully vaccinated!
  
- POS Shelters are at 73% vaccinated!
- DOS shelters are at 81% vaccinated!

Youth programs:

- 76% have received their first dose!
- 68% are fully vaccinated!

