



# BI-WEEKLY TSN

## MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



### WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

## UPCOMING SECTOR MEETINGS

Family Sector:  
December, 21st  
2021- 10:00AM-  
12:00PM

## VACCINE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN & SSHA

Friday December 10  
10:00AM- 11:00AM

## COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- Ontario is accelerating the booster dose eligibility to adults aged 50+. Starting on Monday, December 13th at 8:00am, those eligible will be able to schedule their appointments through the **COVID-19 Vaccination Portal**, calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, **select pharmacies** and primary care settings.
- Vulnerable older adults living in congregated settings (e.g. assisted-living facilities, chronic care hospitals, naturally occurring congregate retirement settings/congregate senior's apartment buildings, older adults living in congregate settings for people with developmental disabilities, mental health and addictions issues, etc.) are eligible for the booster dose.
- For more information on eligibility, please click **HERE**
- TSN will work with SSHA and TPH to facilitate access for third dose booster vaccines at upcoming flu and vaccine clinics and ensure that these vaccines will also be accessible to shelter sector staff as well as clients.

## CAMPAIGN VACCINATION TORONTO

Through its Peer Champion initiative, TSN has been working with shelter sites to support vaccination rollout efforts and improve uptake coverage for its service users. TSN is currently expanding its pool of Peer Champions beyond priority shelter sites (i.e., sites with less than 50% vaccine uptake rate). Please contact Maiesha Rahman at [maiesharahman.tsn@gmail.com](mailto:maiesharahman.tsn@gmail.com) if your site is interested in participating in the initiative or would like to request a Peer Champion/Ambassador visit to support your on-site vaccination activities.

## COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

City staff are currently seeking Council authority to extend leases at 11 sites until at least April 30, 2022 while the plan for the next 12 months is in development. The report was adopted by the City's General Governance and Licencing Committee (GGLC) on November 30 and will be considered by City Council on December 15. Please see the report **HERE** for further details.

## COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN (CONT)

On December 2nd, TSN hosted a session dedicated to the COVID-19 Transition Plan. More than 35 member agencies engaged in lively small and large group discussions. Over the coming year, TSN will be working to ensure that all shelter operators have an opportunity to provide input to SSHA on the development and implementation of the COVID-19 Transition Plan. In addition, we will reach out to members as information and updates regarding the planning process becomes available.

## GRIEF AND LOSS PROJECT

Since March 2021, a Working Group comprised of the TSN, Dixon Hall, Fred Victor Centre, Salvation Army and the Toronto Hostels Training Centre has been meeting to discuss the grief and loss support needs in the shelter system. This working group will be moving ahead to develop a service model for delivering high quality and shelter specific grief and loss services and supports across the shelter sector in a consistent, culturally appropriate and equitable way. We will begin this project in January 2022 and will be reaching out to TSN members for your input and direction. Our aim is to provide to SSHA an evidence based model that can be implemented across the sector in the coming year.

## WARMING CENTRES

Tonight (December 6th 2021) at 7pm, the City of Toronto will open its four warming centres to give those who are vulnerable and may be experiencing homelessness a safe, warm indoor place to rest and access snacks, washroom facilities and referrals to emergency shelter. Spaces will be offered at: 129 Peter St, 5800 Yonge St, Exhibition Place (Better Living Centre) - 195 Princes' Blvd and Scarborough Civic Centre- 150 Borough Dr.

Service providers and clients can access the spaces by calling 311 or Central Intake at 416-338-4766, 1-877-338-3398. Walk-ins are also accepted.

For more information, please click [HERE](#)

## HARM REDUCTION RESOURCES

As a direct response of the on-going opioid crisis, Heart2Heart First Aid CPR Services is offering free peer support and overdose response training. This training is located at 216 Carlton St until December 14, 2021. To register, please click [HERE](#). For any questions and inquiries, please email [register@heart2heartcpr.com](mailto:register@heart2heartcpr.com) or call 416-960-5319.

## UPDATED RESOURCES

- [Vaccine Hesitancy Guide](#)
- [\(Updated\) How to Get Vaccinated: Residents without OHIP Cards](#)
- [\(Updated\) SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Info for Children Ages 5-11](#)
- [\(Updated\) How to Talk to Kids about Getting Vaccinated Tip Sheet \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service for Children, Youth and Their Families – SickKids](#)

## WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

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

*All programs:*

- *71% have received first dose!*
- *61% are fully vaccinated!*

- *POS Shelters are at 69% vaccinated!*
- *DOS shelters are at 72% vaccinated!*

*Youth programs:*

- *67% have received their first dose!*
- *57% are fully vaccinated!*

