



TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS

All Member Meeting:
Follow up session from December 4th meeting will be taking place on January 19th 2022 from 1pm-3pm. We will reach out with more information in January. Save the date!

COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- Ontario is accelerating the booster dose eligibility to individuals 18+. 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. For eligibility please click **HERE**.
- TSN will be meeting with SSHA to discuss opportunities for taking further action that can help to protect clients and staff, and keep shelter sites open as Omicron infections continue to rise. We will share communications as things develop.

CAMPAIGN VACCINATION TORONTO

TSN is currently still 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 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

- On Dec 15, City Council adopted a **report** to extend leases at 11 sites until at least April 30, 2022, while the plan for the next 12 months is in development. Please see the report for further details.
- SSHA has begun reaching out to temporary site operators to begin site-specific Planning. This will continue in the coming weeks. Please feel free to reach out to Amy Buitenhuis (amy.buitenhuis@toronto.ca) if you would like to discuss transitioning planning at your site.
- Additional opportunities to provide input on the City's Transition Plan are currently in planning and will be communicated with the sector in the coming weeks.

FRONTLINE WORKER SUPPORT SESSIONS

TSN will be organizing monthly mental health and wellness check-ins for frontline shelter workers. This will be a safe space where shelter staff can come together to unpack and process difficult experiences as well as have different resources and supports shared with practical tools and tips on how to cope with trauma and unsteady times.

The first session will be starting on **January 26th from 1pm-3pm.**

The following sessions will then take place every last Tuesday of the month

- February 22nd, 2022
- March 22nd, 2022
- April 26th, 2022
- May 24th, 2022
- June 28th, 2022

If you have any questions please contact Soha at coordinator.tsn@gmail.com

WARMING CENTRES

The City will activate 150 spaces at 4 Warming Centres when an Extreme Cold Weather Alert is issued by Toronto's Medical Officer of Health, based on information from Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Space will be offered at 129 Peter Street, 5800 Yonge Street, Exhibition Place, Better Living Centre, 195 Princes' Boulevard and Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive.

A TTC bus will provide transportation between the sites from evening until early morning at approximately 2 a.m. All Warming Centres are pet-friendly.

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

HARM REDUCTION RESOURCES

- For holiday hours for supervised consumption services in Toronto please click [HERE](#)
- For regular hours for supervised consumption services, please click [HERE](#)

UPDATED RESOURCES

- [TDIN Drop-In Resource](#): Click **here** to view Toronto Drop-In Network's updated list of available open drop-in services, phone and internet access, laundry services, takeaway meals, clothing banks, and showers.
- [Rapid Antigen Holiday pop-up schedule](#)
- [Vaccine Eligibility, First, Second and Third Doses](#)

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!*

