



FEBRUARY 23RD, 2022

TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

NEXT VACCINE SITE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN AND SSHA

Date: March 4th 2022

Time: 10:00am -11:00am

WEBINAR: SICKKIDS COVID-19 SALIVA PCR TESTING FOR SHELTERS AND CONGREGATE CARE HOMES

Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom

Meeting ID:

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COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- SSHA has increased capacity at the COVID-19 Isolation and Recovery Site. Staff should continue to refer **eligible clients**. Electronic referrals can be made **[HERE](#)**. Clients with positive rapid antigen tests can be referred to the site.
- Service providers who require additional PPE for staff or clients should contact their Agency Review Officer.
- Organizations are also able to order PPE and Rapid Antigen Tests through the provincial portal: **[Critical Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\): Intake Form | Ontario Health \(ehealthontario.on.ca\)](#)**
- SSHA will be decommissioning the 24-hour respite site at Masaryk-Cowan Community Centre starting the week of February 28, with all clients relocated by March 3. New admissions to the site will stop prior to February 28th.
- Although temporary, Warden Hilltop Community Centre will continue to operate as a 24-hour respite site. The need for this program will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

ICHA VIRTUAL CLINIC SUPPORT

- Inner City Health Associates (ICHA) will be offering virtual clinical support to shelters for residents who are isolating in-situ under direction of Toronto Public Health as a result of a shelter outbreak.
- This aim of this program is to support residents with non-urgent health care concerns during their in-situ isolation. This will operate like a virtual walk-in clinic, with the demand being driven by the shelter provider based on an identified resident/client needs.
- This program will run Monday- Friday from 9am-5pm. Nurses will return referral requests based on the order they are received. Please allow for a 30-60 minute grace period to receive a return call.
- To book an appointment, please click **[HERE](#)**. For more information, please see attached in the email.

COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

SSHA has engaged with the BGM Strategy Group to facilitate Post-COVID Hotel Transition Planning. TSN and hotel program operators will be directly engaged in the planning process. In addition TSN will be working with BGM and SSHA to help engage hotel residents in the planning process. Please feel free to reach out to Amy Buitenhuis (amy.buitenhuis@toronto.ca) if you would like to discuss transitioning planning at your site or learn more about the engagement process.

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.

FRONTLINE WORKER SUPPORT SESSIONS

- TSN has organized monthly mental health and wellness check-ins for frontline shelter workers, facilitated by Chris Leonard! Join us in an interactive virtual space where she guides us to unpack and process the hard work and effects of frontline shelter workers.
- The next session will be taking place on March 29th, 2022 from 1pm-3pm. To join the Zoom session please click [HERE](#).
- If you have any questions please contact Soha at coordinator.tsn@gmail.com

SECTOR TABLE MEETINGS

Below are the upcoming sector tables meetings:

- Youth Sector: Friday February 28, 2022
- Men's and Coed Sector: Tuesday, February 22, 2022
- Women's Sector: Wednesday, March 2, 2022

ALL MEMBER MEETING

TSN is focusing on racial equity and the importance of anti-black racism work. Join us for a thought-provoking session facilitated by Dr. Leo Edwards. We will also be joined by The City of Toronto where they will walk us through their Confronting Anti-Black Racism Unit.

- Date: **Wednesday, February 23, 2022**
- Time: **1:00PM-2:30PM**
- Topic: Shape the Future

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

Meeting ID: **862 4649 9065**

Passcode: **141214**

WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

Current Vaccination Status at Reporting Shelter Locations:

All programs:

- 76% have received first dose!
- 65% are fully vaccinated!

- POS Shelters are at 75% vaccinated!
- DOS shelters are at 73% vaccinated!

Youth programs:

- 75% have received their first dose!
- 65% are fully vaccinated!

