

JANUARY 17TH, 2022



TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

UPCOMING WEBINAR

TPH COVID-19 Update Session for Community Organizations

#1

Date: Tuesday, January 18th 2022

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm

Click [HERE](#) for the weblink or by phone

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Date: Tuesday, January 20th 2022

Time: 3:00pm-4:00pm

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COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- SSHA has distributed N95 respirator masks to all POS and DOS service providers for staff use. Contact SSHA.Homeless@toronto.ca if delivery has not been received.
- N95 mask fit testing is being made available to primary care providers and community healthcare workers in Toronto who provide direct care to clients with suspected, probable or confirmed cases of COVID-19. For more information please click [HERE](#).
- The City will soon receive deliveries of more than 310,000 N95 masks to make available to shelter clients. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- COVID-19 Recovery and Isolation Program occupancies are continuing to change hourly. Click [HERE](#) to access the online referral form for the SSHA COVID-19 Recovery and Isolation Program. It is recommended that a referral is made for clients who need to be referred regardless of occupancy as this changes hourly. For a referral pathways chart please click [HERE](#).
- Service providers must create in-situ isolation plans for each of their sites/programs given the rise in cases. For more information please click [HERE](#)
- The City of Toronto opened two new emergency 24-hour respites at the following locations: Warden Hilltop Community Centre, 25 Mendelssohn St. and Masaryk-Cowan Community Centre, 220 Cowan Ave. For more information on the new respites, please click [HERE](#).
- People experiencing homelessness continue to be eligible for PCR testing.
- Service Providers are strongly encouraged to register to secure rapid antigen tests for clients. [Click here to register.](#)

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 January 17th, TSN hosted part 2 of the Re-Imaging Toronto's Shelter System Design Session. Justin Lewis, (Director Service System Planning And Integrity) and Amy Buitenuis, (Manger, COVID-19 Transition) informed the group that due to Omicron and the holidays, transition planning continues but has slowed down. Operators are encouraged to reach out with questions. Sonja will consolidate and share the notes from the session with all TSN members.

HARM REDUCTION RESOURCES

MOVID is a mobile harm reduction peer support team managed by Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (PQWCHC) and The Neighbourhood Group (TNG). MOVID supports clients in isolation during outbreaks and provides enhanced harm reduction services.

If Toronto Public Health declares a shelter site in an outbreak, service providers may be contacted by the MOVID Supervisor or the SSHA-Harm Reduction Coordinator. They may schedule a time to come on-site the next day and assess the harm reduction needs of the clients and the required supports. They will consult with the site Supervisor and/or Manager and discuss the harm reduction plan for your site. The goal is to work collaboratively to ensure clients remain in isolation while providing harm reduction support. For more information on MOVID please click [HERE](#) - .The City also coordinates a street outreach service where workers will visit people staying outside to offer them help. Call 311 and you will be connected with a street outreach worker. Please note this is not an emergency service and it may take some time for the outreach team to reach the individual.

FRONTLINE WORKER SUPPORT SESSIONS

TSN will be organizing monthly mental health and wellness check-ins for frontline shelter workers.

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

- To join the Zoom session on January 26th: Please click [HERE](#)

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

UPDATED RESOURCES

- [TDIN Drop-In Resource:](#)
- [Enhanced Vaccination Certificate](#)
- [Guidance on Congregate Living Settings for Vulnerable Populations](#)
- [Provincial Antigen Screening Program](#)
- [Vaccine Eligibility First Second and Third Doses](#)
- [Importance of Third Doses for Drop-In Staff and Participants](#)
- [Virtual Emergency Department:](#) Used for urgent but not life-threatening issues.

WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

Outbreak Management/In Situ Isolation Webinar

Date: Tuesday January 18, 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30am

Hosted by: SSHA & Practice Health Check

PURPOSE: To provide a high level overview of the Outbreak Management Guides and support agencies in how to operationalize these resources in order to prepare for in situ isolation. [CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE WEBLINK

Current Vaccination Status at Reporting Shelter Locations:

All programs:

- 75% have received first dose!
- 61% 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!

