



JANUARY 5TH, 2022

# TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

## UPCOMING WEBINAR

SSHA COVID-19 Homeless Service Provider Webinar

Date: Thursday, January 6th 2022

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Click [HERE](#) for the weblink

Phone: 1-416-915-6530

Access code: 2463 874 9172

## COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- SSHA has updated *Directive 2020-02 Universal Masking* which Includes the requirement for all clients and visitors to use a medical mask and Includes the use of N95 respirators for staff.
- SSHA has procured approximately 110,000 N95 respirators for staff use and PPE deliveries to all homelessness service settings have commenced.
- Please click [HERE](#) for more information on the directive on mandatory masks for clients and required PPE for staff.
- PPE deliveries to service providers have begun, with priority for those in outbreak. All sites should receive their PPE shipment which includes and initial delivery of rapid antigen tests for staff by Monday January 3, 2022.
- Service providers can continue submitting requests for vaccine clinics by:
  1. Scheduling a mobile clinic online by clicking [HERE](#)
  2. Emailing Linda Godfrey ([Linda.Godfrey@toronto.ca](mailto:Linda.Godfrey@toronto.ca)) from TPH to book a one-time visit or reoccurring clinic.
  3. Alternatively, email [SSHAcovidvaccine@toronto.ca](mailto:SSHAcovidvaccine@toronto.ca) and SSHA will connect you with a team lead.
- Please see attached document in the email to view a memo from the *COVID-19 Isolation & COVID+ Site Project Partners* regarding the COVID Isolation and Recovery Site for Homeless and Shelter clients.

## COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

As we shared before the holidays, 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](mailto:amy.buitenhuis@toronto.ca)) if you would like to discuss transitioning planning at your site.

## NEXT VACCINE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN AND SSHA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2022 AT 10:00AM-11:00AM

# 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](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.

## 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.**

- To join the Zoom session on January 26th: Please click [HERE](#)
- If you have any questions please contact Soha at [coordinator.tsn@gmail.com](mailto:coordinator.tsn@gmail.com)

## GRIEF AND LOSS PROJECT

TSN is currently seeking to hire an individual with experience in social research, program design, policy development and knowledge exchange to coordinate and implement a number of special projects that will enable us to advance our strategic priorities. For more details, and to apply for this job position, please click [HERE](#) to view the job posting.

## ALL MEMBER MEETING

A follow up session from the December 4th meeting will be taking place on January 17th 2022, from 1pm-3pm. We will reach out with more information closer to the date. In the meantime, save the date!

## 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.
- [COVID-19: What to do if You Are a Close Contact](#)
- [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](#)

## WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

### *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!*



## UPCOMING SECTOR MEETINGS

YOUTH SECTOR:  
JANUARY 7TH 2022

FAMILY SECTOR:  
JANUARY 18TH 2022

MENS CO-ED  
JANUARY 25TH 2022

