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TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

NEXT VACCINE SITE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN AND SSHA

Date: April 1st 2022

Time: 10:00am -11:00am

NEXT SSHA COVID 19 HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER WEBINAR

Date: April 7th 2022

Time: 1:00pm -2:00pm

Click [HERE](#) to join the webinar.

Phone: 1-416-915-6530
Access code: 2462 339
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Webinar password:
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COVID-19 AND VACCINES

- The Province of Ontario announced changes to masking requirements in Ontario starting March 21, 2022, please read the Statement from **Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health**. Following provincial regulations, masks will continue to be mandatory in high-risk and congregate settings. The current Toronto Shelter Standards directive on mask and personal protective equipment use for shelters is available on the city's website **HERE**. Mask mandates will be mandatory until the end of April when, the province plans to put an end to all remaining public health rules.
- High risk settings including congregate living settings and shelter/hotel programs are NOT impacted by any of these changes.
- Toronto Public Health has extended the COVID-19 Outreach Rapid Response Team (CORRT) until April 29th, 2022. CORRT is staffed by Public Health Nurses who offers COVID-19 vaccine confidence information sessions to groups of workers or residents in Toronto who have not yet been fully vaccinated. Sessions are delivered to residents and staff at community agencies, workplaces as well as other organizations in Toronto. To request an information session, please click **HERE**.
- Staff can continue to refer eligible people experiencing homelessness to the Isolation and Recovery Site using the **electronic referral** or by faxing the **hard copy referral** to 416-696-346
- Those who test with a positive Rapid Antigen Test are eligible to be referred to the site
- To arrange non-emergency transportation for clients to access PCR testing, staff should use the referral form that is on the **Client Screening Tool for Homelessness Service Settings**.
- Please refer to the Instructions for **Arranging Non-Emergency Transportation** and send this form as an email attachment (scan or .jpg) to SSHACOVIdtransport@toronto.ca

ALL MEMBER MEETING: FEBRUARY AND FOREVER - HOW TORONTO SHELTERS ARE STEPPING UP TO ADDRESS ANTI BLACK RACISM

- The next All Member Meeting will be taking place on Wednesday March 30th from 1:00pm- 2:30pm.
- To join the meeting please click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link.
Meeting ID: 850 9214 0654
Passcode: 765649

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

COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

- The City is bringing an update and proposed plans for the Shelter Transition and Relocation Plan to the Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on March 24. The report went live on March 17 on the City's [website](#).
- Engagement on the Shelter Transition and Relocation is underway. BGM, an external consultant brought on to lead engagement, has begun hosting sessions to get input from the homelessness sector, including via the Advisory Group of service providers operating temporary sites. Please reach out to amy.buithuis@toronto.ca if you would like more information about this engagement process.
- As part of the COVID-19 Transition Planning TSN's Peer Champions will be conducting surveys with hotel residents during the month of April. TSN staff will be in touch soon to coordinate this effort. Please contact Maiesha for information (maiesharahman.tsn@gmail.com).

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](#) for the Zoom link.
Meeting ID: 897 3614 4381
Passcode: 881952
- If you have any questions please contact Soha at coordinator.tsn@gmail.com

UPDATED RESOURCES

[TDIN Drop-in Resource](#)
[COVID-19 Guidance: Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting](#)
[City of Toronto Face Mask Requirements: News Release](#)
[COVID 19: Where to Get Vaccinated](#)
[Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics in Toronto](#)

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!

TSN has released the results of the February Member Survey and will follow up with highlights via email soon. In the meantime you can find the report attached in the email.

