

AUGUST 30TH, 2022

# TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



## WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

### NEXT VACCINE SITE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN AND SSHA

**Date:** September TBA

**Time:** 10:00am - 11:00am

## COVID-19/ VACCINES AND OTHER

### Monkeypox

*What do so if someone might have Monkeypox*

- The infection prevention and control tools currently used are effective for many infectious diseases including Monkeypox.
- Gloves should be used to handle the laundry/linens of anyone who has been diagnosed with Monkeypox.
- People should be assessed by a health care provider to determine if their symptoms are monkeypox related and not attend the emergency department care is not required.

*Monkeypox Vaccination*

- Toronto Public Health and community partners will be hosting the following Monkeypox vaccination clinics over the next few weeks for at-risk populations. For clinic dates and times please click [HERE](#) as well as for Monkeypox vaccine and eligibility information.
- TSN in collaboration with TPH hosted a Monkeypox webinar on August 25th. Please see attached slide deck in the email for Monkeypox information and resources presented by TPH nurses.

### COVID-19

- Another resurgence of COVID-19 is anticipated in the fall; preparedness is key to ensuring outcomes.
- The Province and TPH consider congregate living settings, including shelters, high-risk setting. The City continues mandatory masking for shelters, 24-hour respite and 24-hour women's drop-in sites, as outlined in the Directive on masks and personal protective equipment use can be found [HERE](#).
- Current provincial guidelines indicate that a positive result from a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) does not require confirmation through PCR testing at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre.
- If requesting for transportation please email [sshacovidreferral@toronto.ca](mailto:sshacovidreferral@toronto.ca) or contact via phone at 437-343-1965

### TSN BEAT THE HEAT GUIDE

As the summer temperatures are increasing, hot weather can put your health and many folks outside's health at risk. It is important to recognize the signs and symptoms of heat related illnesses and know how to stay protected against the effects of hot weather.

Click [HERE](#) for a heat illness prevention guide

# TSN ANNUAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING CONFERENCE

- TSN's annual professional development and networking conference: Reimagining 2022: Capitalizing on Rapid Change to Improve Toronto's Shelter and Homelessness System is taking place on **October 12th 2022**
- **Registration is open** and will close on **September 14, 2022**. Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spots available! Click the link **HERE** to register online.
- There is a \$250 registration fee for each registrant. You do not need to pay this fee upon registering! TSN will keep track of registration fees for each registrant and will invoice your organization directly.
- We will be joined by two special guests at the conference Juha Kaakinen and Sandra Clarkson! Please see the attached posted in the email for more details!
- Call for proposals has been **extended until September 9th at 5pm**. We are inviting shelter providers to submit a workshop proposal so that we can create a conference program that is exciting and relevant and which leverages our collective experiences. Please see email attachment for the call for proposals.

## COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

- As part of the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for physical distancing in the shelter system, 65 Dundas St. E. was leased by the City of Toronto for use as a temporary shelter program.
- The City has committed to purchasing the building at 65 Dundas St. E. and is currently in the final stages of completing the acquisition of the property to provide permanent homes for people in need as quickly as possible.
- Starting in September 2022 through to the end of 2023, the shelter program will undertake a phased, gradual closure to ensure all clients are supported while renovations take place. All clients will receive support to move to another shelter or into housing before the closure of the temporary shelter program. For more information, please visit: **65 Dundas St. East – City of Toronto**
- A City webpage about the Transition Plan is now live and can be found **HERE**.

## WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

### **Current Vaccination Status at Reporting Shelter Locations:**

#### *All programs:*

- 79% have received first dose!
- 70% are fully vaccinated!
  
- POS Shelters are at 73% vaccinated!
- DOS shelters are at 81% vaccinated!

#### *Youth programs:*

- 73% have received their first dose!
- 67% are fully vaccinated!



## UPCOMING SECTOR TABLE MEETINGS:

### **Women's Sector Meeting**

September 7th  
10am-11:30am

### **Family Sector Meeting**

September 20th  
10am-11:30am

### **Youth Sector Meeting**

September 16th  
10am-12pm

