



JULY 29TH, 2022

# TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



**WEBINARS AND EVENTS:**

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

**Date:** End of August (TBA)  
**Time:** 10:00am - 11:00am



**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

## COVID-19/ VACCINES AND OTHER

### Vaccinations:

- On July 14th 2022, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health announced the expansion of eligibility for the second COVID-19 vaccine booster dose (fourth dose) to all adults.
- Those between the ages of 18 and 59 years old who have had their first booster shot at least five months ago will be able to book an appointment to get their second booster dose. ( It must also be at least three months since a COVID-19 infection) To book an appointment please click [HERE](#)
- This expansion of eligibility is aimed at adults who have underlying health issues and are at higher risk of severe infection.
- For more information on the second booster dose eligibility, please click [HERE](#)

### COVID-19 Isolation and Recovery Site

- 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
- [sshacovidtransport@toronto.ca](mailto:sshacovidtransport@toronto.ca) will **no longer be monitored**.

### Masking Requirements still in effect for shelters

- To protect the health and safety of staff and clients, the City has decided to continue 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](#).

### Monkeypox

- Continue to monitor clients for any new onset symptoms. Click [HERE](#) for more information on monkeypox and symptoms.
- 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 ANNUAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING CONFERENCE

- TSN is excited to announce and invite you to our annual professional development and networking conference: **Reimagining 2022: Capitalizing on Rapid Change to Improve Toronto's Shelter and Homelessness System.**
- The TSN is putting out a call for proposals. 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.

*Save the date!*

Date: October 12th 2022

Time: 8:30am to 5pm

Location: 7 Hart House Cir

## COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

- Following Amy Buitenhuis' departure, a new manager has joined the COVID-19 Transition and Relocation (CTR) team. Please feel free to reach out to Tarik Bacchus ([tarik.bacchus@toronto.ca](mailto:tarik.bacchus@toronto.ca)) if you would like to discuss transition planning at your site. The CTR team and SSHA are grateful to Amy for her many contributions to this project and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.
- SSHA continues to plan as part of the Shelter Transition and Relocation Plan (**adopted by Council in April**).
- A City webpage about the Transition Plan is now live and can be found **HERE**.

## RE-IMAGINING TORONTO'S SHELTER SYSTEM MEETING

- TSN member agencies are invited to attend this workshop to hear the results of the work that TSN has done with TSN member agencies, consulting with shelter users and conducting jurisdictional research about best practices in emergency homelessness service delivery, as well as participate in hands on designing a Toronto shelter to housing service model for Toronto.
- This will be taking place on **August 24th, 2022** from **1pm-3pm**. For more information, please see the attached poster in the email.

## 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**  
August 3rd- 10am-11:30am

**Family Sector Meeting**  
August 16- 10am-11:30am

**Youth Sector Meeting**  
August 19- 10am-12pm

