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TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



COVID-19/ VACCINES AND OTHER

Monkeypox:

- Continue to monitor clients for any new onset symptoms. Click [HERE](#) for more information on monkeypox and symptoms.
- Make decisions for isolation, PPE use based on risk assessment, client symptoms, etc
- If client reports or appears to show symptoms of monkeypox- notify Toronto Public Health and refer to health care provider.
- Continue routine practices such as hand hygiene, PPE, control of the environment and all IPAC measures.

Masking Requirements still in effect in shelters:

- The province of Ontario announced that the provincial masking requirements would be lifted on Saturday, June 11th 2022.
- 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](#).
- All screening, testing and infection prevention and control measures also continue to be maintained in shelter settings.
- For full details on the lift of Ontario's masking requirements, please click [HERE](#).
- To read the City of Toronto's news release update on mask requirements, please click [HERE](#).

Transportation for PCR Testing- Change in Contact

- 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 or contact via phone at 437-343-1965
- sshacovidtransport@toronto.ca will **no longer be monitored**.

WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

NEXT VACCINE SITE LEADS MEETING WITH TSN AND SSHA

Date: June 24th 2022

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

NEXT SSHA COVID-19 HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER WEBINAR

Date: July 7th 2022

Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm

COVID-19 TRANSITION PLAN

- SSHA continues to plan as part of the Shelter Transition and Relation Plan (**adopted by Council in April**)
- We are finishing the summary report of the engagement process led by consultant BGM in March, April and May. We expect to share the findings and report from this process in July 2022.
- A City webpage about the Transition Plan is now live and can be found **HERE**. It includes high-level information about plans and site lease extensions.

ALL MEMBER MEETING: GRIEF AND LOSS

- Join us for a panel discussion and Q&A featuring subject matter experts!
- Improve your understanding of best practices in the delivery of resilience, grief and loss programs.
- Access new information and resources that can help support your shelter during challenging times.
- Date & time: Wednesday June 29, 2022 from 10:00am- 11:30am.
- To register please click **HERE**

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.
- Please join us for our final session which will be taking place on June 28th, 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

HIRING PEER HEALTH AMBASSADORS

- TSN is excited to announce the launch of the Peer Health Promotion Project. This project will focus on health promotion across many sites including shelters, respites, 24-hour women's drop-ins, and COVID-19 hotel program sites.
- We are currently looking for someone who is staying in a shelter site and is willing to learn, educate, and engage with peers.
- Peer Health Ambassadors will be compensated \$25/hour for a total of 16 hours.
- Please see poster attached in the email for more information and share with your clients and networks.

WEBINARS AND EVENTS:

Current Vaccination Status at Reporting Shelter Locations:

All programs:

- 76% have received first dose!
- 69% are fully vaccinated!

- POS Shelters are at 76% vaccinated!
- DOS shelters are at 76% vaccinated!

Youth programs:

- 69% have received their first dose!
- 63% are fully vaccinated!



HOLD THE DATE:

TSN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING CONFERENCE

**DATE: WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 12, 2022**

