



OCTOBER 5TH, 2022

TSN NEWSLETTER

MEMBER UPDATE FROM THE TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK



**WEBINARS AND
EVENTS:**

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

Date: October 28th 2022
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

COVID-19/ VACCINES AND OTHER

Monkeypox

- 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.
- You can get tested for MPox at a healthcare provider's office,
- local walk-in, or sexual health clinics. Please do not go to an emergency department for testing unless you require emergency care.

COVID-19

- The Moderna Spikevax Bivalent COVID-19 vaccine is now available for everyone aged 18 and over. This dose is recommended at least three months after the last COVID-19 dose or infection, for the following high-risk groups:
 - Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges and adults living in other congregate settings.
 - People aged 65 years and over
 - Immunocompromised individuals (aged 12 years and older)
 - First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members (aged 18 years and older)
 - Pregnant Individuals (aged 18 years and older)
 - Healthcare Providers (aged 18 years and older)
- 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 or contact via phone at 437-343-1965

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** from **8:30am to 5:30pm!**
- **Registration is now CLOSED!**
- There will be 6 great workshops planned and organized from our member agencies! We look forward to seeing you all there!

GRIEF AND LOSS PROJECT

- TSN is currently carrying out a focus groups with front line staff and managers as part of the Grief and Loss Project.
- Our aim is to understand not only staff experiences with grief and loss but to hear your ideas regarding how best to build resilience in our workplaces and respond effectively and compassionately during and after incidences.

TSN AND TAEH JOINT ADVOCACY

In August TSN and TAEH issued a public joint statement regarding the serious capacity and financial issues affecting the shelter system. Last week we followed up with a letter to the Mayor and requested that he direct staff at SSHA and the Housing Secretariat to form a joint Task Group to address these issues through concrete action. The Mayor has responded and we look forward to meeting with him and moving this work forward. See the letter and statement in the email attachment.

MEET THE FRONTLINES: STORY SERIES

- The Toronto Shelter Network (TSN) is conducting interviews with frontline workers in the sector. The purpose of the interview is to learn more about frontline shelter workers experiences in the shelter system as a staff/ frontline worker. Pieces of this interview would then be shared within our social media pages (Twitter, LinkedIn, TSN website).
- Please click [HERE](#) to view stories of frontline workers that have been interviewed.
- If you are interested or know a frontline worker who would be interested in being interviewed, please connect with Stephanie at schan.tsn@gmail.com

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

October 5th
10am-11:30am

Family Sector Meeting

October 18th
10am-11:30am

Youth Sector Meeting

October 21st
10am-12pm

