

MEMORANDUM

To: All Families of People Supported in Residential Services, All staff
From: Laura Balint, Manager
Date: December 23, 2020
Subject: Province wide lock down from December 26, 2020 12.01 am

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is imposing a Provincewide Shutdown. Additional restrictions will be put into place and reinforce that Ontarians should stay at home as much as possible to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed. The Provincewide Shutdown will go into effect as of Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.

At BPACL we will be following our Outbreak precautions for the duration of this lockdown or advised by the Ministry of Children Community and Social Services.

What will this imply?

Infection Prevention Activities

- Follow Infection Prevention and Control best practices and provide active screening to all residents, staff and pre- approved essential visitors;
- Reinforce IPAC best practices with residents;

Visitors and Visiting

- Scheduled, supervised non-essential indoor and outdoor visits with physical distancing are NOT permitted including designated visitors
- Essential visits (supporting health and caregiving) will be LIMITED to activities that are considered necessary for the health and safety of the home and people living there.

ALL essential visits will need to be pre-approved by a manager

- Essential overnight absences are NOT permitted
- Short stay absences (recreational activities outside of residence) will be LIMITED to activities that maintain the person's health and well being (ex. – short walk around town, van drives in agency vehicle by BPACL employees, if deemed necessary for the person's health and safety
- Short stay absences to family homes are SUSPENDED we will make every effort to support virtual contacts with family members.
- Short Stay absences for medical reasons (visits to doctor's offices, physiotherapist is permitted ONLY when virtual care is not possible.
- Residents must also adhere to any current local public health unit or municipal requirements related to local conditions.

Thank you for your attention and for helping us comply these rules that will benefit all of us. You can reach me at lbaint@bpacl.ca or tel: 226-668 5610.