

MEMORANDUM

To: All Families of People Supported in Residential Services, All staff
From: Laura Balint, Manager
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Subject: Wave 2 – Enhanced Precautions February

Dear families, friends of people supported in Congregate Living Settings (homes) by BPACL

It has been a long time that we were not able to accept visitors, people we support are so exited and looking forward to see you in person again. I can just imagine how much you are looking forward to be able to have a visit with you loved one.

As always we are required to follow the guidance provided by our funder. In the next couple of pages I tried to summarize to you the guide and a comprehensive outline of the changes. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me or anyone from the management team.

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) is committed to limiting the spreading of COVID-19 and to safeguard the health and safety of the people living in congregate care settings as well as employees working in those settings.

Below please find the overview of the guide and how it aligns with the local Public Health zones.

Public Health	MCCSS Guidance on Enhanced Measures
Green Prevent (Standard measures)	Normal Precautions
Yellow Protect (Strengthen Precautions)	Additional Precautions
Orange – Restrict (Immediate Measures)	Enhanced Precautions
Red – Control (Strick Measures)	
Grey – Lockdown (Maximum Measures)	
	Outbreak Precautions (one or more Covid -19 positive cases in the home)

GUIDE for Visits and how they change during the different precautions:

MCCSS guidance on enhanced measures	Essential Visitors	Designated Visitors	Non- essential Visitor MUST make an appointment 24 hours prior to their arrival
Normal Precautions	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsupervised • Indoor • Outdoor
Additional Precautions	Permitted	Suspended – <i>Non- essential visitor is the alternative</i>	Permitted with limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised Only • Physically distanced only • Indoor • Outdoor
Enhanced Precautions	Permitted	Suspended – <i>Non- essential visitor is the alternative</i>	Permitted with limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised only • Physically distanced only • Outdoor visits only
Outbreak Precautions	Permitted <i>decision to enter will be made on a day by day or case by case basis by BPACL management.</i>	Suspended –	Suspended

All visitors must:

- a. Complete IPAC training prior to coming to home (see attached materials)
- b. Pass an active screening questionnaire that screens for signs and symptoms of and potential exposures to COVID – 19 upon arrival. If the visitor answers no to any of the questions the visit will be re-scheduled,
- c. Read and agreed to the parameters set put by BPACL in compliance with MCCSS and public health guidelines, and sign the visitors log
- d. Comply with the home’s Infection Prevention and Control procedures including, proper wearing of surgical/procedure masks **and face shield** provided by BPACL, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette,
- e. **Use a surgical/procedure mask and a face shield at all times during the visit regardless of whether it is conducted indoors or outdoors**
- f. Remain in the designated visiting area of the home

Guide for Short Stay absences and outings:

MCCSS guidance on enhanced measures	Short Stay absences and outings: Health and Well being	Short Stay absences and outings: Recreation
Normal Precautions	Permitted	Permitted
Additional Precautions	Permitted	Permitted
Enhanced Precautions	Permitted	Suspended
Outbreak Precautions	Permitted, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>If authorized by screening for activity and/or public health advice or</i> <i>Essential for medical purposes only and virtual care is not possible</i> 	Suspended

Essential overnight absences:

- Will be considered by BPACL program manager, when necessary to maintain the health, wellness and safety or any applicable legal rights of the person supported.

In addition to the above rules any approach to visits BPACL will consider COVID-19 spread in the community and physical characteristic of the home, its staffing availability, and the current status of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) levels for employees and persons supported.

As you read, visitors are required to wear surgical mask and face shield. BPACL is also required to provide all visitors with Infection Prevention and Control education. Please find links and educational materials attached.

BPACL will notify you of the current precaution level by email and it will be posted on our webpage: bpacl.ca

Current precaution level: Additional Precautions

Looking forward to see you