



**TO: ALL EMPLOYEES, PEOPLE SUPPORTED & FAMILIES**  
**FROM: COMMUNITY LIVING CAMPBELLFORD/BRIGHTON**  
**RE: COVID-19**  
**DATE: Update #16– January 13, 2023**

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As we begin another year, the hopes of putting COVID-19 behind us are in the forefront of our minds and daily life. We are entering a period where we are now “Living the New Reality – Managing COVID-19”. Weeks into January 2023 we are faced with new variants and sub-variants of the coronavirus being identified, which act as a reminder of the complexities and resiliency of this virus. Since the beginning, COVID-19 has posed a particular threat for some people we support, many of whom are older adults and/or have weakened immune systems or respiratory problems and with every new mutation we are faced with more challenges.

We have done very well, especially in the last several weeks to control transmission and keep people safe, and this is in no small way due to the combined diligence and hard work from every person that is a part of this agency.

Memo #16 comes to you to serve as an outline of the **changes** to our previous directives. While we recognize that we are now able to lift some of the previous restrictions, we do so with a cautious and optimistic approach and therefore this memo must be referenced in conjunction with Memo #15 which contains any **previous directives that will remain in place if not addressed here.**

**Changes Effective January 13, 2023:**

**Shift Screening Process**

All employees arriving to or returning to a Group Home or Co-Living setting **MUST SELF screen each time BEFORE** entering/re-entering utilizing the Screening Tool (Revised: November 15, 2022 version) in the **Red** duo tangs at each home/location and document their results on the corresponding form. Employees are no longer required to screen at the end of their shift or to complete a temperature check as part of screening. CLC/B does recommend continuing temperature checks (self-check only) as a precautionary measure.

## **Day to Day Operations (Group Homes/Congregate Settings)**

- Enhanced cleaning must be **completed once daily** on the overnight shift and clearly documented as “enhanced cleaning” on the cleaning check list in the home.
- Should a surface, area or high touch surface become visibly dirty it must be cleaned right away.
- Should someone test positive for COVID-19, all surfaces within a 2-metre distance of that person must be cleaned as soon as possible, as well as any surfaces that this person may have come into contact within the home.

## **Overnight Absences (for people who live in a congregate setting)**

The following precautions remain in effect.

- Upon return, the person must pass an active screening questionnaire that screens for signs and symptoms and potential exposures to COVID-19.
- Monitor for symptoms.
- Avoid using common areas; however, if a common area cannot be avoided, the person should be encouraged to wear a face covering/mask.
- Limit close contact with other people.
- Maintain physical distancing (a distance of 6 feet or 2 metres) when participating in group activities.
- Practice proper hand hygiene by washing their hands often (using soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer).
- Adhere to respiratory etiquette.

Public restrooms should be used with caution. Direct Support Professionals should be equipped with disinfectant wipes and PPE in the event that public restroom use is unavoidable. In this case all touch surfaces **MUST** be sanitized before and after use.

## **Visitor Screening and Family Contact** (for additional information refer to COVID-19 document “Visitor’s Guidelines in Congregate Living Settings” – Revised November 15, 2022)

- **Visitors may visit the home and are no longer restricted to a dedicated visiting area.** The home must not be in outbreak.

In Closing; Community Living Campbellford/Brighton will continue to work closely with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit as well as actively participate in Infection, Prevention and Control (IPAC) reviews and information sessions in order to provide you the most up to date and accurate information. The HKPR Health Unit has been a vital resource throughout the pandemic and in dealing with our outbreak situations.

Community Living Campbellford/Brighton will continue to keep you apprised regarding any new or changing developments as they become available.

Should you have any concerns, please contact you Supervisor.

**\*\* The information contained in this document (COVID-19 Memo #16), document (COVID-19 Memo #15) and corresponding directives and protocols are subject to change at any time with little notice. \*\***