



MEMORANDUM

To: All Employees of OPTIONS NORTHWEST

From: Anna-Marie Eckensweiler, Executive Director

Date: June 4, 2020

Re: Updated Guidance for Congregate Living for Vulnerable Populations
Please put this information into the COVID-19 binders.

Good day all

As you know, our Pandemic Team continues to meet on a regular basis to stay updated on all information necessary for dealing with COVID-19. We received correspondence late on June 3rd from our Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services that we should be taking our direction from the **Ministry of Health's document dated May 28th, 2020, COVID-19 Guidance: Congregate Living for Vulnerable Populations**. This document will replace the Ministry of Health's Guidance document for Group Homes and Co-Living Settings that they produced April 1, 2020. It is attached for your reference.

We have updated our Screening documents which you will also find attached to this memo. Also, in response to documentation we have reviewed that indicates frequent reminders should be posted about hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing, we have included posters for each location to have a visible sign of these reminders. While we know in the homes where personal care is being provided and social distancing is not always possible, it is still a reminder that whenever possible we try to respect the 2 meters/6 feet distance when not doing personal care.

Premier Ford also has extended the emergency orders for the province until the end of June which for our sector means we adhere to keeping the individuals we support out of public places. Going for walks, sitting outside on patios is encouraged to enjoy the nicer weather however taking individuals into grocery stores or other public domains is not. We continue to maintain that only essential visitors should be attending at all locations and families should they wish to visit, can do so by social distance visits/technology only at this time.

Should you have any questions about any of this information, please do not hesitate to seek out your supervisor or another member of the management team. The Pandemic Team is working through all of the requirements necessary for when the province re-opens officially and what that will look like to mitigate the risks for all employees and individuals supported. This is referred to as Recovery or Re-Open if you are keeping up with the public information on this. We have extensive resources available to us and will be messaging further as we continue to get direction with this.

Stay well everyone and thank you for your continued efforts on our behalf.



Anna-Marie Eckensweiler
On behalf of the Pandemic Team