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To: All Employees

From: Mark Beazley, Director of Community Services

CC: Community Services Supervisors, Local 229

Date: January 19, 2022

Re: Rapid Antigen Testing for Congregate Living Settings

In a previous memo earlier this month I outlined a few initiatives that were going to be rolled out however lack of supply kept us from proceeding ahead. The good news is over the last couple weeks we have been able to secure supplies to start the process of these key Directives.

One was the use of n95 masks during an outbreak or suspected Covid Positive individual. We now have a small supply of these masks and have begun the process of FIT testing all employees for the type of mask they will wear if needed. Keep your eyes on your email as testing is happening on a daily basis.

Second was a booster Vaccine clinic for the individuals and some employees. Our booster clinic was held January 11 and we were able to boost over 90 people during the clinic. Hats off and a big thank you to everyone involved that day for making the clinic such a success.

Finally, I had mention that the Ministry has given directive to have all employees entering a Congregate Living Setting to test twice a week with a Rapid Antigen Test. We are starting this process Wednesday January 19th. Upon the start of your shift Wednesday and going forward, the screening sheet has a question "if you have tested with a Rapid Antigen Test this week. You will have to Attest that you did complete a test and in fact it was negative.

I know we are supposed to be testing twice a week, however we only have supply for once a week for now.

The new screening sheets will arrive at the homes tomorrow and your supervisor has tests to give to Full-time and Part-time employees. Casuals

will sign out one test a week from 95 N. Cumberland St providing they work that week. Please see the employee working the front desk to sign and receive your test.

These tests do not replace the use of PPE rather that they are another helpful measure to help us keep Covid-19 from entering the homes. Please make sure we are always wearing the PPE that is provided and continue proper hand washing techniques.

As we get more supply it is my hope we will move into test twice a week as soon as possible.

Thank you for all the hard work, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to your supervisor or directly to myself.

Thanks Mark