



MEMORANDUM

To: All Employees of OPTIONS NORTHWEST

Cc: UNIFOR 229

From: Tony DeAgazio, on behalf of the Pandemic Team

Date: June 10, 2021 (#19)

Re: COVID-19 update

Please place in the COVID-19 binders

Good morning!

I wanted to advise you of important updates to Ministry-issued guidance for congregate living settings related to:

- Brief physical contact with visitors; and
- Recreational activities (non-essential short-stay absences) for individuals outside of the congregate living setting.

These changes take effect **Friday, June 11, 2021**.

Brief physical contact with visitors:

- Individuals and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are permitted to engage in brief physical contact (e.g., a hug) during outdoor visits. This includes essential and non-essential visitors.
- The requirement for visitors to wear eye protection and surgical/procedure mask at all times remains in place.
- Despite masking exemptions, where feasible, individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a surgical/procedure mask as well.
- Non-essential visitors must maintain physical distance (2 metres/6 feet) before and after physical contact.

Recreational Activities (Short Stay Absences):

- Individuals are permitted to leave the congregate living setting for a short stay (i.e., same day) absence in the community.

- This will now include recreational outings (activities for pleasure) in addition to essential absences (e.g., work, school, medical appointment, physical exercise).

Apart from the changes outlined above, all indoor visits guidance for congregate settings remains in effect.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your supervisor or any member of the Pandemic Team if you require support or have questions.

Stay well, stay safe!

Tony DeAgazio