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To: All LCDS Stakeholders

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From: Emergency Management Team

Subject: COVID-19 Pandemic Agency Update

Hello all,

It has been difficult to keep track of the days and another week has flown by. We continue try and **“just do the next right thing, one thing at a time!”**

We would like to share the following updates on protocol and procedure with you:

- **Physical Distancing Reminders** – It is **imperative** that we all practice physical distancing at home and at work. Your health and the life of everyone that you come into contact with depends on it. **People not practicing physical distancing will not be tolerated!** The statistics shared today for Ontario indicate that if we do not respond appropriately the death toll will continue to rise. Today, Public Health Ontario provided a revised “Physical Distancing” poster that we have provided for you.

Postponed/Cancelled Events

- LCDS Trivia Night has been postponed, that was originally scheduled for May 14th
- We have received notice from the Alhambra organization that they have made the very difficult decision to cancel the Alhambra Fun Day for this year. Participants will be notified.

Grocery & Meals

- Clare Hyatt is taking the lead on organizing agency grocery runs and meal preparations to reduce exposure, risk, and employee workload at locations. More information will be provided next week. Thank you Clare!
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Current COVID-19 Communications

- All LCDS EMT COVID-19 memos and resources can be found on the LCDS website.

Lambton Public Health & Bluewater Health COVID-19 Update Links

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/>

<https://www.bluewaterhealth.ca/covid-19-information>

“We all have to ask ourselves, what is the cost of a life?” Premier Doug Ford asked. “Is a life worth a picnic in a park? Is a life worth going to the beach? Is a life worth having a few cold ones with your buddies in the basement? The answer is no.” **We cannot stress enough the importance of physical distancing at work and at home.**

We will always try to balance the essential services needed for people supported, their families and for our employees to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Be well. Be smart. Be safe.

Sincerely,

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