



Memorandum

To: All Families & Stakeholder
Date: April 14, 2022
From: EMT
Subject: MCCSS COVID-19 & Agency Updates

Good afternoon and We hope you and your families are all well. We do have several important MCCSS and Agency updates to share with you today.

MCCSS Updates

The agency received the April 2022 update, Interim Direction and COVID-19 Guidance late in the afternoon on April 12 from MCCSS.

Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT)

- In response to the current COVID-19 surge, service providers are **required to increase asymptomatic rapid antigen screening for all staff, students and volunteers who enter the setting, regardless of vaccination status, to three (3) times per week (7-day period) no later than April 15, 2022.** Agencies that are currently using at-home antigen screening for staff may continue to do so.
- **The agency will be implementing RAT testing three (3) times per week every Monday, Wednesday and Friday commencing on Monday, April 18, 2022, for employees.**

PCR Testing Availability for Staff, Volunteers and all Visitors

- Please note that staff, volunteers, and visitors in highest risk settings (congregate care) are eligible and prioritized for PCR testing.

Visitors that have Tested Positive for COVID-19 within 90 Days of their Visit

- Visitors to LCDS settings who have tested positive within 90 days of their visit are not to complete RAT testing to enter. Visitors can enter if they:
 - Show proof of their positive COVID-19 test result including the date or;
 - Complete and sign the 'Attestation of COVID-19 Infection' Document located on site.

Agency Updates

Agency COVID-19 Statistics

People Supported

We have had a total of 14 people we support test as confirmed positive for COVID-19.



Employees

- Since January 4, 2022, we have seen approximately 126 different employees off due being positive with COVID-19 or isolating due to symptoms/direct contact. Some employees have had isolate be off work multiple times.
- We currently have 16 employees off due being positive with COVID-19 or isolating due to symptoms/direct contact waiting to return to work.

Agency Enhanced Protocols

- Agency Enhanced Protocols will be reviewed again by EMT on April 28, 2022, or sooner pending any updated direction or guidance from MCCSS.

Virtual Family Information Night

Virtual Family Information Night will be held on Thursday, April 28 at 7 PM. Here is the link to share with any families that may be interested - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

MCCSS - Journey to Belonging: Choice & Inclusion

Journey to Belonging: Choice & Inclusion is the MCCSS long-term vision for developmental services where people with developmental disabilities fully belong in their communities and are supported to live the lives they choose. Please click the link and have a look at the information surrounding the plan - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/journey-belonging-choice-and-inclusion>. We will look to engage you with more information in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you everyone. Happy Easter Weekend!

Sincerely,

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