



# Memorandum

**To:** Families & Stakeholders  
**Date:** August 25, 2022  
**From:** EMT  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Updates & Monkey Pox Resources

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Hello everyone,

We hope you are all safe and well. We do have a few updates to share with you today.

## **Agency COVID-19 Updates**

### **COVID-19 Test Results/Close Contacts Update**

Over the past few of weeks we have seen an increase in the number of employees and close contacts (family members) testing positive for COVID-19. We are seeing 4-6 employees per week test positive and/or that must isolate due to being a close contact of a person that has tested positive. Fortunately, we have had no outbreaks declared by Lambton Public Health.

We have not seen any people we support testing positive at this time. We believe this is due in large part to the extreme diligence and care by all our employees, people we support and their families in adhering to current screening, masking, sanitizing, distancing, and personal protective equipment protocols and guidance in place. **THANK YOU!**

### **Staffing Update**

The increase in staff testing positive and/or requiring isolation combined with the need for scheduled vacations has placed a further strain on our staffing and support needs at all locations. It remains a priority to recruit new employees to the agency.

We continue to be committed to employee vacation requests this summer to ensure a break for employees as needed. It has been difficult, and many employees have gone above and beyond to ensure all shifts are covered. It has also required many employees to work multiple hours, in various locations and to different schedules. For this, we are extremely thankful and extend our sincere gratitude all our employees.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Dose Clinic Update**

A successful 4<sup>th</sup> dose COVID-19 vaccine clinic was held at Petrolia Enterprises on Thursday August 18. Ninety-seven (97) people attended the clinic hosted jointly by LCDS and Lambton Public Health. A special thank you to Clare Hyatt and the entire Petrolia



Enterprises team for hosting on shorter than normal notice and to Krista McCann for coordinating once again.

**Agency Non-Congregate Buildings**

Agency non-congregate buildings remain open to the public and visitors with all screening, masking, and distancing requirements still in place.

**Monkey Pox Resources**

Lambton Public Health has provided a link to the Ministry of Health Monkey Pox resource page. Please visit here for the most updated information and guidance: <https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/emb/monkeypox.aspx>

Thank you for all your resilience and flexibility. Be well and be safe.

Sincerely,

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