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Hello Families, Friends, Advocates and Staff of Broadview Village

Really good news! As we are seeing a high vaccination rate in our Province, City and especially in our Broadview Village Family we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Let me begin with our **Day Programs**. With the lessening of some restrictions and the increased openings of businesses like personal care services, libraries and recreation, we are watching to see what happens in the backdrop of higher vaccination rates and the highly transmissible Delta variant that has become the dominant strain. With that said, we have been actively preparing for the re-opening of Day Programs. As part of this preparation, we have been reaching out to families about the Participant's vaccination status which will inform our planning, how to cohort classes, etc. While we recognize the strain on families who have been waiting 15 months for Day Programs to open, we also await direction from MCCSS when it is safe to do so and will inform you as soon as we are able to.

COVID Case Count

- <u>Residents</u> There have been no changes in our Resident case counts since our last update. Number of positive cases since March 2020 is 9 which includes 1 COVID-related death; 1 resident not included in this total case count as they acquired COVID in hospital and ended their isolation in hospital before discharge. All resident cases are resolved.
- <u>Staff</u> To date, we have had 23 Broadview staff who have tested positive all of which have been resolved. No staff are in isolation.
- <u>Houses</u> No outbreaks in any of our houses.

Vaccination

- 39 individuals/caregivers from our Day Programs received their second dose vaccine on June 23, 2021 at our 150 Railside BVEP Day Program location through the North York General Hospital Mobile Team. Many others also received their second dose in June at a clinic hosted by Safe Haven in the west end.
- To date, 69 Residents are fully vaccinated. 5 are awaiting their second dose. 3 declined vaccination.
- Resident vaccination was made possible by staff who accompanied them to a vaccination clinic and mobile clinics from South Riverdale Community Health Centre coordinated by Michael Garron Hospital, and Scarborough Health Centre.
- Families and Participants, if Broadview has not yet been updated on your vaccination status please send your second dose vaccine confirmation receipt(s) to Karen Kyle Martin at <u>Karen.Kyle-Martin@salvationarmy.ca</u>

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<u>Visits</u>

As Ontario has moved to Step Two of Reopening, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has updated all agencies in anticipation of a detailed guidance document to be issued in early July. The update pertains to visits for non-essential and essential visitors.

Effective Monday July 5th, 2021, <u>Indoor and Outdoor Off-Site Home Visits at the family</u> <u>home</u> will be allowed only in the following case scenario:

- The Resident is fully vaccinated AND the family is fully vaccinated.
- The Resident and family comply with Public Health's guidance on infection prevention (see attached What is Required at an Off-Site Home Visit document).
- Due to the risk of transmission and the risk of severe illness if contracting COVID19 for our population, we are not permitting unvaccinated individuals to do Off-Site Visits at the family home yet.

Effective Monday July 5th, 2021, **Indoor On-site Visits** will be allowed with the following conditions:

- If the Resident is fully vaccinated AND the Visitor(s) is fully vaccinated, a medical procedure mask and face shield are required. The definition of full vaccination is that the person received the second dose of Pfizer BioNTech/Moderna/Astra Zeneca vaccine at least14 days prior to the visit date AND Broadview Village has received confirmation of this.
- If the Resident OR the Visitor(s) is not fully vaccinated, the Visitor is required to wear a medical procedure mask, face shield, gown and gloves.

What has not changed:

- Outdoor visits are the preferred type of visit and will continue.
- Visits must be scheduled 24 hours in advance as per current Visitor Policy.
- On-site visits remain 45 minutes in duration.
- All Visitors will be screened prior to the visit and a failed screener means the visit is cancelled.
- Visits are conditional upon the site not being in outbreak and sufficient staffing to support the supervised visit.
- Visits are not allowed if a Resident/Staff is symptomatic and awaiting a COVID19 test result.
- Physical distancing must be maintained with the exception of a brief hug (no kissing of the face).
- Medical procedure mask and face shield are required for outdoor visits.
- Food or drink must be given to the staff person at the start of the visit to be eaten <u>after the visit</u>.



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Overnight absences will not be permitted yet because Residents would be required to isolate for 14 days and this would impact staffing levels and space for isolation.

As I am sure you can see from the updates above, the situation is improving markedly. While I am not comfortable saying we are "out of the woods" (think Delta variant), we are moving substantially in the right direction and I, for one, am thankful. Your kindness, support, understanding and cooperation during these difficult 15 - 16 months was greatly appreciated by all of us at Broadview Village and was, to be sure, an instrumental factor in our for-the-most-part successful navigation of this pandemic. I look forward to seeing many of you in person as the restrictions loosen.

We will be scheduling a Family Webinar mid July and will send out the confirmed date and time shortly.

God Bless,

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Art Mathews, Executive Director