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Hello Families, Friends and Advocates and Staff,

We are happy to announce that in response to the favourable trends we are seeing in COVID19 numbers in Ontario and the GTA, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has loosened some restrictions that pertain to visits.

<u>Specifically, brief physical contact with your loved one is permitted during an outdoor</u> <u>visit, regardless of vaccination status. This takes effect June 9, 2021.</u> This means a hug or embrace. For now, while the Variants of Concern are becoming the dominant strain and are more highly transmissible, we ask that you refrain from holding hands or kissing the face. Furthermore, although non-essential short-stay absences (overnight stay) have been permitted, Broadview Village will not be moving into this activity since it requires a period of isolation upon return from an overnight absence.

Infection prevention measures that have not changed include the following:

- All visits must be pre-booked
- Visitors must wear a medical procedure mask and eye protection.
- Physical distance of 2 metres/6 feet before and after brief physical contact must be maintained.
- All visits remain outdoors only.
- All visits are on hold if there is a staff or Resident isolating awaiting a test result or are positive for COVID19.

Vaccination

We continue with the province's efforts to vaccinate staff and Residents. To date, 85 staff have received their first dose of vaccine and 35 of these have received their second dose of vaccine.

Most of our Residents and many Day Program Participants have received their first dose. We have been in communication with our external health partners to arrange for second doses to be administered as soon as they are available. Several of our Residents have received notices for their second dose, if they were done at Michael Garron Hospital and they have been administered.



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Some family members have voluntarily disclosed their vaccination status to us. Thank you for this. We are engaged with the local public health unit and health partners to determine the implications for visits and look forward to creating a more enjoyable norm.

Day Programs

With the quickly improving numbers comes a need to revisit our re-opening plans for our various Day Programs. This process has begun with a draft plan being put together as you read this. Once drafted, the re-opening plan must be reviewed and approved by The Salvation Army, and then line-up with direction from MCCSS/MOH. As I shared earlier today on a staff webinar, I believe we are getting much closer to finding a "new normal" with day programs open, residents being able to re-engage with the community, and families able to reunite.

As things move forward and the province starts to "open up", I am continually reminded of the journey we have been on together over the past 16 months and how that without the caring and support of each of you – staff, residents/participants/clients, families and the broader community – we would not have been as successful as we have been in managing the pandemic.

God Bless you all,

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Art Mathews, Executive Director