

## The Salvation Army Broadview Village

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Good afternoon, Broadview Families, Friends and Advocates!

With the constant flow of COVID and non-COVID information happening globally, nationally and locally, please accept this update on behalf of Art Mathews, Executive Director.

Although we had experienced a steep decline in case trends in May during the third wave of COVID-19, we are currently in a plateau of the fourth wave. With 79% of eligible Ontarians having had the second dose vaccine (77% in Toronto), the last stretch to achieve 90% vaccination rate seems closer but still challenging to achieve but not due to reasons of access nor supply. Toronto Public Health and Michael Garron Hospital have both offered mobile vaccination clinics at our Broadview Village sites and we are tremendously grateful for their ongoing support.

In the province's effort to achieve a high enough vaccination rate to reduce COVID-19 ICU admissions and deaths, the Chief Medical Officer of Health issued Directive #6 to all health care organizations that stipulates a Vaccination Status Policy and Rapid Antigen Testing. A similar set of instructions was issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health on August 30, 2021 to service agencies covered under the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Broadview Village has implemented all of the instructions issued. As of today, we have implemented a Vaccination Status Policy requiring all staff to declare their vaccination status. We will also implement the Rapid Antigen Testing Policy on September 23, 2021 that requires all individuals (employees, agency staff, contractors, students, and volunteers) who have not been fully vaccinated to complete the rapid antigen test twice weekly and they must complete a mandatory Vaccination Education module approved by Broadview Village.

As some of you may be aware, there have been unusual protests happening at hospital sites about COVID-19 health measures which have negatively impacted both hospital staff well-being and patient access to treatment. Art Mathews has reached out to our local Michael Garron Hospital's CEO to offer our support and Chaplain services to hospital staff.

## **New Visit Information**

There is no change to our current process.

Indoor/Outdoor visits are booked through the Visit Coordinator 24 hours in advance. Off-site visits are booked directly with the home and are permitted for fully vaccinated families of fully vaccinated Residents.



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New! With the success of Off-site visits since August, we are allowing dining out at a restaurant with family.

Please read the attached Dining Out Tip Sheet to help keep everyone safe.

## Vaccination Status Update

- number of Residents fully vaccinated = 75
- number of Staff fully vaccinated = 138
- number of Staff one dose only = 9

#### **COVID-19 Case Count**

- Total # of Residents COVID positive = 10; all resolved
- Total # of Resident deaths related to COVID = 1
- Total # of vaccinated COVID positive Residents = 1 (included in the Total # of Residents COVID positive); resolved
- Total # of Staff COVID positive = 26; all resolved
- Total # of Staff deaths related to COVID = 0
- Total # of vaccinated COVID positive Residents = 26

#### Family **ZOOM** Webinar

Please save Wed, Sept  $29^{th}$  from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm to virtually attend our next Family ZOOM Webinar. A link to the Family Zoom Webinar will follow in a separate email closer to the date.

As we are a year and a half into this pandemic, we wish to express our gratitude for your immense patience with the changing information and for working together with us.

On behalf of Art Mathews, Executive Director,

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