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## Dear Broadview Village Families, Friends, Advocates and Staff,

With a new year beginning and finding ourselves still under attack from COVID-19 we continue making every effort to ensure the safe wellbeing for the people we support. As promised, we would like to update you with new information from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services pertaining specifically to COVID-19 and the Omicron pandemic.

#### **New Visit Information**

Recently, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services added to their current definition of "Essential Visitors" the following statement, "MCCSS recognizes a parent/guardian, or other family members as essential visitors."

Moving forward during this challenging fifth wave of COVID19, in order to support family visits, any family member's request for a visit will undergo a Visit Risk Assessment completed by a staff person. The intent of a Visit Risk Assessment is to clearly identify risks, determine risk mitigating strategies, and open up dialogue to support the safest plan for the visit.

All visits will be scheduled by contacting the Resident's home directly. Any questions that staff are not able to answer can be emailed to <u>visit.coordinator@sabv.ca</u> or if it is urgent, the staff can escalate the question to the On-Call Manager. Inquiries that are emailed, will be responded to during the week by a designated staff person.

Please see the attached updated "Visitor Handbook During COVID-19 Jan 18 2022" for complete details.

### **Outbreak Update**

- Since December 27, we have had a total of 10 houses in Outbreak
- 4 houses remain in Outbreak: House 2, 93 Tambrook, Meldazy, and L'Amoreaux

#### **PPEs**

We are seeing that when one person tests positive, COVID19 generally spreads rapidly and hits all residents and most staff/agency staff very quickly. In order to slow the transmission rate at Broadview Village the following measures are in effect.

Continued use of Rapid Antigen Testing (RATs)



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- Temporary move to the use of universal N95 masking for all staff and agency workers.
- All other PPE protocols remain in place

Although this is not where we hoped to be, we thank you for your continued support as we press on through yet another wave together.

God Bless and stay safe,

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