

COMMUNICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY

Date: **UPDATED April 8, 2024**

Re: **Infection Prevention & Control (IPAC) / COVID Precautions & Program Decisions**

Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services remains committed to ensuring that our COVID-19 and other IPAC safeguards, precautions, protocols and communications align* with the most current guidance and direction available from local, provincial and national health authorities as it pertains to Developmental Services organizations and Essential Services providers.

** Based on assessed level of risk to the safety and health of persons served and/or staff, Sunbeam reserves the right to introduce heightened IPAC precautions (beyond the guidelines provided by MCCSS, Public Health, and other government and health authorities), and to apply precautions approach across one or more operating divisions, or to apply in a site-specific manner.*

NEWS & NOTEWORTHY: RECENT IPAC UPDATES

Important Reminders

MASKING

- In Sunbeam's Community Living Services programs, including group homes, respite, day program, recreation/wellness program, seating clinic, dental clinic - masking of staff, volunteers and visitors is voluntary; HEPA filter units are also in use.
- All other Sunbeam locations are also considered mask-friendly.

COVID RAPID TESTS

- Rapid testing for COVID-19 is available to staff, volunteers and clients at all locations

IPAC KEY REMINDERS

- Sunbeam continues to regularly share refreshers and reminders with all staff about good infection prevention and control practices - in areas such as rapid testing, active screening, chain of transmission, hand hygiene, proper use of PPE, N95 masks, eye protection and more.

ACTIVE SCREENING FOR SYMPTOMS

- Monitoring your own health and wellness, and monitoring the health and well-being of the people we support for any possible COVID / Flu / Other Respiratory-like symptoms is critical to early identification of possible infection and transmission.

VACCINES AND BOOSTERS

- Flu vaccines and COVID boosters are currently available from family physicians, nurse practitioners, most walk-in clinics and local pharmacies.

To learn more about Sunbeam's COVID-19 precautions and practices, please visit:

- <https://sunbeamcommunity.ca/covid-19-information/>