

COVID-19 INFO

COCHRANE TEMISKAMING RESOURCE CENTRE

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KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK

Take care of each other!

“WASH YOUR HANDS, PHYSICALLY DISTANCE, STAY SAFE”

- ✓ Our Best Practices to date have helped keep Covid-19 out of the homes. That is in no small part down to the work done by our RC & ARC team members.
- ✓ We, as you, are keeping a close eye on the developments in communities around us. The Porcupine Health Unit continues to stress the importance of infection control.
- ✓ The importance of keeping up with the frequency of cleaning and sanitization cannot be minimized. We know, now 11 months since we started all this, that the continued cleaning and sanitizing may be difficult to keep-up. However, it is a key practice that is a simple and effective infection control strategy.
- ✓ Wearing the mask and visor at all times when interacting with others on shift, even co-workers and continuing to limit our overall contacts during and after any lockdown is critical to prevent the propagation of the virus.
- ✓ Vaccination preparation continues. At this time we continue to be a priority group in Ontario. Vaccination of the individuals in our care will be done prior to the front line staff. We will be following provincial guidelines in order to maintain an ethical approach to the provision of vaccinations. At this time age is the primary variable to consider, and we will therefore be providing vaccines in the order of oldest to youngest staff, starting with front line workers who provide personal care.
- ✓ The calls to our front-line staff revealed the most common concern around vaccination being the long-term effects. Health Canada are obligated to monitor the safety of the approved Covid-19 vaccines over the next 2 years. They are also monitoring worldwide vaccination effects and are committed to communicate any safety concerns to Canadians.
- ✓ The Joint Health and Safety Committee continues to look at resources to share with us all.

- ✓ Residential Teams continue to keep all our residents safe, 11 months in to this!
- ✓ CSS continues to plan to entertain and provide opportunities for residential and community individuals. Thanks to all the CSS staff providing much needed support in the homes and to all the CSS staff creating fun events for the individuals we support.
- ✓ Thank you, last but not least, to all the PRT members ensuring continued services and supports to community individuals and their families who still have challenges to face related to and beyond the pandemic. Your efforts have been growing through the virtual service delivery mode and are well recognized!

Take care and don't hesitate to reach out or share, please.



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