

# COVID-19 INFO

COCHRANE TEMISKAMING RESOURCE CENTRE

**To:** All Staff  
**From:** Daniel Roy  
**Subject:** Updates - Covid-19  
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## **“WASH YOUR HANDS, PHYSICALLY DISTANCE, STAY SAFE” PLEASE CONTINUE WEARING YOUR MASK & SHIELD**

- ✓ We currently have 81% of our residential employees vaccinated. That is a 1% increase over last week and represents 97 frontline staff vaccinated with a first dose. If you have not yet gotten your vaccination and would like to receive it please contact myself. We will assist you in booking an appointment.
- ✓ 79% of the office and professional team members have received a 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination.
- ✓ We continue to monitor the PHU plans of the second dose of vaccine for staff in our sector. We will communicate when our staff become eligible for an earlier second dose.
- ✓ The Porcupine Health Unit has communicated praise for the great work done by our staff around Infection Prevention and Control Measures in limiting cases in our workplace.
- ✓ However, the continued and proper use of PPE remains essential. Disposable procedural masks are the only one to be used in the workplace with the face shield. This also applies to office workers.
- ✓ The importance of social distancing and taking extra care any time you are removing your mask and shield is critical.
- ✓ Workplace covid-19 cases are typically linked back to unmasking in the workplace during breaks, lunch, etc. Please know Covid-19 and the variants do not take breaks!
- ✓ Rhonda, your Joint Health and Safety co-chair, would like to remind all residential front line staff to complete and return their Self Audit ahead of the draw next week.

- ✓ **A Self-Audit for Office employees is being developed and will soon be available with a similar draw.**
- ✓ **We are sharing with you a survey opportunity. Please review and consider participation and opportunity for a prize.**

You are being invited to complete a brief survey to help us better understand your perspectives and experience. You may have completed a survey in January similar to this one. We are looking to understand what has or has not changed over time, so we are asking all members to complete this brief survey once again.

**This survey should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. All those who complete the survey have the option to enter a draw for one of 5 gift cards for \$150.**

**Click here to access the consent information and the brief survey:**

**[https://dfcmutorontoca.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6nY5zAkrX64dsIE](https://dfcmutorontoca.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6nY5zAkrX64dsIE)**

The survey is anonymous and voluntary. You will be asked some questions about you so we can understand whether age, role, ethnicity, or other factors are associated with people's COVID-19 beliefs and experiences. Data from the survey will only be shared in aggregate, and will not identify individuals in any way.

We will be repeating the survey again in a few months to see if there are changes in aggregated data over time. The draw will be repeated each time. The data will be used to inform plans to design informational materials and plans to help DSW's make decisions about the COVID-19 vaccines.

If you would like more information or have questions about the survey, please contact:  
Natasha Kithulegoda, Project Coordinator ([natasha.kithulegoda@vchospital.ca](mailto:natasha.kithulegoda@vchospital.ca)).

**Keep up the Infection Control Practices.  
They have been effective to date!**



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