



To: ***Clients and Families***
CC: **Board of Directors**
From: Sherry Kerr, Executive Director
Date: February 16, 2021
Re: COVID-19 – UPDATE – Visitors and Essential Outings

I hope this note finds everyone healthy and safe as we all continue to struggle through COVID-19.

Continuing to keep all the people we support, and our staff healthy and safe, remaining COVID-19 free remains our collective, primary goal.

Today the Brant County moved out of the Lockdown - Stay at Home order and into the Orange Zone.

Although the Orange Zone lessens community restrictions and allows businesses to open, the ongoing potential spread of COVID-19, especially variants, are a concern to the Board of Directors and Management of Participation Support Services.

To date, no residents, tenants and/or clients, nor staff of Participation Support Services have received any dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. I am also unaware of when we might be scheduled for vaccinations, which are coordinated solely by the Brant County Health Unit (BCHU). I continue to have weekly conversations with the Executive Director of the BCHU.

We do assure you that once we have clear direction from the BCHU regarding when and where the people we support and our staff are to be vaccinated, this will be communicated to all clients and their families.

With this in mind, Participation Support Services will remain closed to all non-essential visitors within it is Bell Lane and Stedman location.

Active, daily screening of all staff and clients continues before any visit and staff continue to wear all necessary PPE. All clients are advised to also wear PPE, when tolerable, during visits.

Our staff at Colborne Street continue to provide as much support as possible to ensure our clientele there do not need to leave the building for anything other than medical appointments. Again, all clients within the building are strongly encouraged to restrict visitors.

We firmly believe that the tireless efforts of the front-line staff and management have, to date, kept Participation Support Services COVID-19 free. We will continue to be relentless in this pursuit.

Please feel free to email me directly at skerr@pssbrantford.org with any questions or concerns.

With Regards,

Sherry R. Kerr, Executive Director