

To: **Families and Friends**
CC: **Staff and Board of Directors**
From: Sherry Kerr, Executive Director
Date: July 27, 2021
Re: Brant County Health Unit Declares end of Outbreak

I am very pleased to announce that the Brant County Health Unit has declared the COVID-19 Outbreak at our Stedman House Location to be over.

Thankfully, due to the hard work and diligence of the front-line staff who work at Stedman, the staff who picked up shifts at Stedman and the Manager and Director of Support Services, the outbreak was contained to only the staff member who tested positive earlier in the month.

The experience of working and living in an Outbreak was heartfelt by all and we are very grateful to everyone who supported the team at the Stedman House.

Staff continue to follow all practices of screening before arriving at work, wearing appropriate PPE, following all IPAC measures and managing symptoms as they arise. Unfortunately, it only takes one case to cause an Outbreak and thankfully a team to contain it.

Participation Support Services does encourage all staff to seriously consider getting vaccinated. To date, our fully vaccinated rate for staff within the organization is 74%, but we will strive to at least 80% or higher.

We encourage all family members and anyone who might want to visit to also receive their vaccination to ensure the ongoing health and safety of the people we support throughout the organization.

Stedman is now re-opened to non-essential staff and visitors.

I will remind everyone that the visitor policy, which can be found online, and/or can be provided to visitors, is still very stringent. If you wish to visit someone at any of our residential locations, please ensure you are aware of the policy. The staff are not able to accommodate 'drop in' visitors, so please discuss your potential visit with the Manager to ensure it can be accommodated.

Please also be aware that Management will request visitors for a status of vaccination and a negative PCR test is required if a visitor is not vaccinated.



Please feel free to email me directly with any questions or concerns you may have, and again congratulations to the team at Stedman for containing the Outbreak and to the residents (and families) for enduring the isolation period.

With Regards,

Sherry R. Kerr, Executive Director

