

To: ***Families and Friends***  
CC: **Board of Directors**  
From: Sherry Kerr, Executive Director  
Date: March 16, 2021  
Re: COVID-19 – UPDATE – Vaccinations

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One year later and we are almost there – we hope!

It is hard to believe that this time last year we 'locked' the doors at Bell Lane, Stedman and Colborne Street and only allowed essential workers to enter the buildings.

It has been a year of ups and downs, anxiety, worry and sacrifices for not only the people we support, but their families, friends, and the staff. We are so grateful for the cooperation; understanding and support we have received over the year in our efforts to 'keep COVID out'; ensuring the health and safety of our clients and staff.

***Today I am pleased to say that our staff and the people we support have all been offered the first dose of vaccination against COVID-19! This is a 'turn around' moment for us all.***

Participation Support Services has had 80% of the staff vaccinated, and by the end of the day, over 80% of the people we support in our congregate living areas will be vaccinated. PSS is grateful to the Brant County Health Unit for organizing mobile clinics so that the residents and tenants were able to be vaccinated at home. Our Outreach Manager will also be assisting our community clients in booking vaccination appointments.

We are so close to the end but as we have encouraged the staff – we cannot let our guard down yet. Brant/Brantford County remains in the Orange Zone but the spread of COVID-19, particularly variants, continues to be an ongoing concern.

The Ministry of Health has not changed any directives or policies regardless of the vaccinations received among the health care workers and our vulnerable population in Long Term Care, Retirement Homes, and homes such as Participation Support Services.

***Therefore, with this in mind, Participation Support Services will remain closed to all non-essential visitors within its Bell Lane and Stedman location.***



Staff members screen daily and self-monitor for symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Persons served in supportive housing are actively screened twice per day and persons served in the community are screened before each visit. Staff continue to wear all necessary PPE. During visits all clients are advised to also wear PPE as tolerated.

Please take the time to thank our front staff personally and support them through the next few months. Please feel free to email me directly at [skerr@pssbrantford.org](mailto:skerr@pssbrantford.org) with any questions or concerns.

With Regards,

Sherry R. Kerr, Executive Director