

To: **Clients, Families and Friends**  
CC: **Staff and Board of Directors**  
From: Sherry Kerr, Executive Director  
Date: January 10, 2022  
Re: COVID-19 Update

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Happy New Year to everyone.

As per my last message, we have had several staff test positive for COVID 19, as suspected. The new variant has spread quickly, and the infection rate is high.

At Bell Lane – we have been using increased IPAC measures as though the site is in Outbreak. We had all residents at Bell Lane PCR tested last week as per the Health Unit. Tests are very slow to return. We have only had two test results returned – one is negative and, one is positive. The positive case is not showing any symptoms of COVID.

With the positive resident test – this will trigger the Brant Public Health Unit to declare an Outbreak. The start and end date of this Outbreak is unknown at this time. Bell Lane will thus continue to isolate all residents and use the increased IPAC measures until the Health Unit tells us otherwise.

At Stedman – we are still waiting for direction from the Health Unit. At this time increased IPAC measures are also being used and will continue to be used until the Health Unit responds.

Please know that Management is working 24/7 to ensure the people we support and our staff to stay healthy and get through this wave as safe as possible.

Please note we have already had to reduce the support we provide to clients within some of our programs. We will continue to communicate with you personally if your or your family members support does need to be decreased or canceled. Staffing volumes, especially with the number of COVID positive cases and close contacts continue to be incredibly challenging.

I ask that you support Management and staff as we negotiate through these uncharted waters. Also, as a reminder, Bell Lane and Stedman are closed to visitors until further notice.

Again, please feel free to reach out to me [skerr@pssbrantford.org](mailto:skerr@pssbrantford.org) at any time with any questions or concerns.

With Regards,

Sherry R. Kerr, Executive Director