

Board Summary Report

Title	COVID-19 Pandemic Update
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Summary of Critical Points

This report provides a weekly summary regarding the impact and response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and more frequently as required, and focuses on the following topics:

- Updates from meeting held on June 19, 2020
- Health and Wellbeing
- Trends related to people supported
- Trends related to human resources
- Financial impacts
- Challenges and responses

Overall Trends this week

The Government has tabled a motion on Wednesday night to extend Ontario's state of emergency until July 15. The motion will be debated this upcoming week. The current emergency is in place until June 30th.

The new Congregate Setting Guidelines were issued on May 28th do not provide direction around people supported resuming life in the community. They do however; speak to the need to the continued need to limit the risk of COVID-19 to these at risk populations.

CLOC is in the process of developing a visitor's guideline to meet the MCCSS policy regarding resuming non-essential visits. On June 11, the government announced new guidelines for resuming visits in congregate living settings. These guidelines speak to outdoor visits only at this time, and also have a number of other requirements such as testing, screening, PPE and social distancing. Each team will be working with their supervisor to develop individual safety protocols regarding visitor.

Public Health has approached CLOC and offered surveillance testing for group living employees and people supported. Testing is voluntary to the person supported and staff.

We will be moving to every other week for our Board Pandemic Update meetings. Our next meeting

is the first week of July unless a sooner meeting is necessary.

COVID-19 Cases

This week we have had a person supported and a staff (at different locations) report symptoms. Neither have a fever as part of the symptom. Both are being tested.

See tracking spreadsheet for updated data.

Communication

CLOC's COVID news was updated on the website identifying re introduction of visitors guidelines announced by the Government.

CLOC's employee COVID Communique is now being issued once a week. This weeks issue went out on June 19. Additional communication included Voluntary Surveillance Testing, a COVID-19 Did You Know poster from Seamless Care Pharmacy, and announcements of CLOC's fun days.

Impacts on Employees

Staffs continue to have questions about the Province loosening restriction and what that means to how they provide supports. Our communication this week again covered this topic and provided guidance around the Congregate Settings Guidelines.

A staff Zoom "COVID-19 Town Hall" meeting is being planned for June 30th.

Impacts on People Supported

We know everyone is anxious to get out and about, and to get those things done, like haircuts, that we have been holding off on for months. We have reminded people that CLOC is required to follow the guidelines for Congregate Living for Vulnerable Populations that has been directed by the government. These guidelines require congregate settings to continue to focus on prevention of disease transmission. This means we need to keep in place the safeguards established which includes limiting exposure to community spread of COVID-19. This will be difficult for some of the people we provide services to, as they see other people going out to shop or visit friends. We ask people to be patient, and let them know that we are asking them to stay home for their own protection and health at this time.

The Municipality of Clarington is starting to open some of their spaces. The Clarington Library remains closed due to renovation delays. Dewey's Café is impacted by these renovations and remains closed until the library reopens.

Human Resources Update

A meeting has been set up for next week to discuss COVID-19 with our two Union Locals as we plan for next phases of the pandemic for when emergency orders are lifted.

Finance

CLOC has submitted our May application for COVID Residential Relief Fund. The financial impact of COVID-19 for May was approximately \$60,000.

Craig Nighbor attended TPON (MCCSS transfer payment portal) training on Thursday regarding temporary pandemic reconciliation. The first reconciliation report is due July 6, 2020.

Systems Updates

Terri Gray chaired the DSMC Pandemic update meeting on Tuesday of this week. COVID-19 updates were provided.

OASIS Labour Relations committee has developed a series of recommendations for the government regarding COVID-19 response and stabilization of staffing and safety of service delivery.

Serious Occurrences

No new SOR was submitted regarding COVID-19 this week.