

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 5, 2020
- Health and Wellbeing
- Trends related to people supported
- Trends related to human resources
- Financial impacts
- Challenges and responses

Overall Trends this week

The emergency order issued by the government has been extended until June 30th.

MCCSS has centralized PPE access.

New Congregate Setting Guidelines were issued on May 28th that continue to indicate that all efforts need to continue to limit the risk of COVID-19 to these at risk populations. Developmental Services Group Home services fall under these guidelines. The guidelines tighten visitor restrictions in all high-risk settings (Congregate settings) including group homes.

There has been a review involving essential visitors in partnership with CLO, the Provincial Network and a developmental services pandemic table. They have developed recommended actions and key considerations when considering expanding essential visitors to include family based. The province's reopening and lifting restrictions doesn't extend to the DS sector and congregate settings. The document states *"The situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve. Individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their families must always be treated ethically, fairly, and respectfully. This is a top priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is acknowledged that all individuals and their families and caregivers have made extreme sacrifices and have experienced hardships due to the pandemic."* This document provides agencies with a legal and ethical framework for approaching essential visitors and for decision-making. This will be a topic for our upcoming June

Board meeting.

Surveillance testing of congregate settings will be coming to Durham soon. CLOC has not been approached as of yet for this. Testing will be voluntary to the person supported and staff.

COVID-19 Cases

The second Olive Avenue outbreak was declared over on June 1/20. The staff is asymptomatic and her case is considered resolved by public health on June 1. CLOC awaits a second negative test for the staff to return to work.

As of Friday Afternoon we had a gentleman at 209 Kildeer who as a pre-existing health issue, go to hospital due to symptoms of pneumonia. The symptoms were in line with his regular health concern however precautions have been put in place and he will be tested while at the hospital. Once home he will self isolate and staff will use PPE during his care until results come back. Public Health has been notified.

See tracking spreadsheet for updated data. (Items highlighted "yellow" indicate a change from last week.)

Communication

CLOC's COVID news was updated on the website identifying the extension of the order to June 30/20. Social media coverage included: Wild West Theme Day, Enterprise Art donation; National Accessibility Week, Brain Injury Awareness Month, and Great Giving Challenge.

CLOC's employee COVID Communiques were issued June 1 and June 5. Other communication included announcements of CLOC's Social Distancing BBQ on June 11.

The undated Infectious Diseases Policy and Procedure was posted on Our Training Room for staff to read and sign off on.

Impacts on Employees

Staff have questions about the province loosening restriction and what that means to how they provide supports. Our communication this week has provided guidance around the Congregate Settings Guidelines.

Impacts on People Supported

Some people are getting excited about the government moving forward with lifting some restrictions and are anxious to resume life in the community. The guidelines for congregate settings speaks clearly to keeping the safety protocols in place. This is difficult for some people.

CLOC has applied for summer students that will help develop an online / virtual recreational program.

A social distancing BBQ is being held on June 11th. Food will be sent to all locations to have a synchronised BBQ across the agency.

Human Resources Update

No new updates.

Finance

CLOC received our letter from MCCSS advising us of our partial funding allocation of \$470,277 for Pandemic Pay.

The Audit has been delayed due to COVID and should begin the week of June 15th.

Systems Updates

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

Our understanding of testing during an outbreak continues to change. CLOC had been requiring staff who tested positive for COVID to have two negative COVID-19 tests before returning to work. The latest information around testing is that the double tests will not be preformed. The Pandemic Team will be reviewing our current safeguards against the newest direction from public health and making adjustments.

Serious Occurrences

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