

MEMO

To: CLNB Families
From: Sherry Carnevale, Executive Director
Subject: January 2021

Happy New Year everyone. As promised we want to give everyone a heads up about the current status of our organization.

Our district is currently in lockdown but this is expected to lift by the end of the week. We are in the process of planning what will need to occur should that lockdown be extended. I am not expecting that we will be informed of that status before Thursday of this week. It most likely will occur on Friday and we will communicate to you as soon as we are made aware of the status and what impact that will have on you and your family member.

In addition to the provincial restrictions, we are also under “enhanced precautions” as determined by our Ministry. This does have implications for visits and activities we can undertake. I am including the chart provided to us by the ministry so that you can see for yourself our restrictions.

Residential Services

We will continue to host essential visits at our visitor pod throughout the lockdown. Other visits are not permitted. The guidelines for visits to the pod will remain as previously established. Should the lockdown be lifted we will still be under the “enhanced precautions” and will notify families when that changes.

Other Services

Our other services are preparing for an extension to the lockdown, but we will be prepared to service our clients either way. There will be some reconfiguring but we will communicate with everyone as soon as we have confirmation of our status.

I am very aware of how unsettling and frustrating this situation is, and you have my commitment and the commitment of Community Living North Bay employees that we will do our best to assist you through this.

Should you have any questions please reach out to the manager to discuss your concerns.



Sherry Carnevale
Executive Director
Community Living North Bay

	Normal Precautions	Additional Precautions	Enhanced Precautions	Outbreak/ Comprehensive Precautions
Visits				
<u>Essential</u> An essential visitor is generally a person who: 1) Performs essential services to support the ongoing operation of a service agency (including a contractor); and/or 2) Considered necessary to maintain the health, wellness and safety, or any applicable legal rights, of a congregate living resident. An essential visitor may include but is not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent/guardian • Social service workers (e.g./ child welfare workers, day program operators etc.) • Health care providers (e.g./ doctor, nurse, personal support workers, etc.) 	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
<u>Designated</u> A resident and/or substitute decision maker may designate up to 2 people at a time as “unrestricted visitors”. <u>Designated Visitors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Are not required to schedule an appointment to visit a congregate living setting within provided that their visit is within the site’s permitted visitation hours. •May be required to wait outside of the congregate living setting if the site is at its maximum visitor capacity. While appointments are not required it is advised that to schedule an appointment to avoid wait times.	Permitted	Designated visitor privileges suspended. See Essential or non-essential visitor privileges as appropriate for alternate options	Designated visitor privileges suspended. See Essential or non-essential visitor privileges as appropriate for alternate options.	Designated visitor privileges suspended. See Essential or non-essential visitor privileges as appropriate for alternate options.
<u>Non-essential</u> A non- essential visitor is generally a person who:	Permitted including: Unsupervised Indoor Outdoor	Permitted with limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised only • Physically distanced 	Permitted, with limitations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor visits suspended 	Non-essential visitor privileges suspended.

Appendix: Summary of Permitted Visitor & Recreational Activities by Wave 2 Community Risk Continuum

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provides non-essential services, who may or may not be hired by the site or the resident and/or their substitute decision maker; and/or •For social reasons (e.g. family members or friends). Non-essential visits must be scheduled in advance. 		only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor • Outdoor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervised only • Physically distanced only • Outdoor visits only 	
Short-term outings or absences				
	Normal Precautions	Additional Precautions	Enhanced Precautions	Outbreak/ Comprehensive Precautions
Health and well-being activities outside of residence (e.g. doctor’s appointments, work, school etc.).	Permitted.	Permitted.	Permitted.	Permitted, when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •authorized by screening for activity and/or public health advice; or •essential for medical purposes only and virtual care is not possible.
Recreational activities outside of residence	Permitted.	Permitted.	Suspended.	Suspended.
Essential overnight absences				
Essential overnight absences An essential overnight absence (e.g. to a family home) considered necessary to maintain the health, wellness and safety, or any applicable legal rights, of a resident.	Permitted.	Permitted.	Permitted.	Suspended.

**Note for Youth Justice Service Providers - The Ministry’s Youth Justice Division continues to work with key stakeholders on operational guidance with respect to the safety, security and confidentiality of the youth we serve, their families, approved visitors and employees with a goal of resuming in-person visits and non-essential reintegration leaves. In the meantime, contact with family and approved visitors is to continue via telephone calls and virtual visits, where operationally feasible. Communication will be distributed to all TPRs providing open and secure youth justice services once in-person visits and reintegration leaves for non- essential purposes can resume.