

MEMO

To: All Families

From: Sherry Carnevale

Subject: Pandemic Update

Once again, the province is seeing a significant increase in COVID cases and with the upcoming holiday, the cases are expected to significantly rise. As I am sure you are aware, another new variant is making its round and is even more contagious than any other variant to date. For this reason, I would like to remind everyone that it is imperative to stay diligent. We are all tired of hearing about COVID, however, our individual actions and interactions with others will be a contributing factor in keeping ourselves and everyone around us safe. I know that you and your loved ones have sacrificed so much these past 20 months, however, according to the experts, we are at the tipping point once again. Although each of us has likely revisited our plans for the holidays, chances are we will have to revisit our plans again as the holiday approaches. Regardless of vaccination status please consider:

- ✓ Size of group you will be hosting?
- ✓ Are visitors coming from other regions that have a significant number of cases?
- ✓ Have any of the visitors traveled recently?
- ✓ Is your loved one immune-compromised?
- ✓ Would a virtual visit be possible?
- ✓ The number of contacts yourself and your visitors have had?
- ✓ Can people be physically distant? Can people wear masks?
- ✓ How does your loved one respond to COVID testing if it ends up being required?

As of today, the Ministry has not provided a change in direction for visits, however, if cases continue to climb we may see additional requirements or restrictions by the end of the week. We will do our best to quickly notify families and people supported if this does occur.

None of us want to be in this position again this year! But, as always, the ultimate goal is to try and keep risk minimum to those who are vulnerable.



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