



PHSS Implements Vaccine Mandate for Staff and Visitors

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The risk of the highly contagious COVID variants continues to increase the number and severity of COVID cases across Ontario. At PHSS, we have a duty of care to the individuals we support, many of whom have complex medical needs and are at a higher risk of complications if they get COVID. As such, we need to use all available layers of protection to minimize the risk of exposure.

“To help keep the individuals we support and our staff safe, PHSS is implementing a vaccine mandate, effective December 15, 2021,” explains President and CEO, Brian Dunne. “This mandate requires all visitors to PHSS facilities and staff to show proof of full COVID vaccination. Only fully vaccinated individuals will be granted access to our facilities.”

This mandate brings PHSS in alignment with vaccine requirements in other healthcare settings, including long term care homes.

“We understand COVID restrictions are frustrating for some people,” says Dunne. “However, the health and safety precautions PHSS has put in place are to help keep the people we support safe. Their wellbeing continues to be our number one priority.”

PHSS’ vaccine mandate is just one of the layers of defence to help keep its community safe. Other safety measures include COVID-19 screening, mask wearing, social distancing in shared spaces as well as reminding staff and visitors to stay home and get tested when feeling unwell.

Protecting the health and safety of the people we support has been the driving force for all of PHSS’ actions related to COVID.

ABOUT PHSS:

PHSS provides unique and flexible supports and services so that people with complex medical, physical, and/or developmental needs can live the life they choose as part of the community - which helps keep them safe, reduces healthcare costs and adds to their quality of life. PHSS supports more than 250 individuals in more than 60 locations across southwestern Ontario and Ottawa.

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