

**Memo**

To: People Supported by Community Living York South, family and friends, staff  
From: Sandra Caravan, Executive Director

Date: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Re: MCCSS Guidelines: Reopening of Congregate Living Settings; Short Stay Absences, Outings and Essential Overnight Absences

On August 28<sup>th</sup> 2020, MCCSS released its guidelines on reopening of congregate living settings, supporting short stay visits and essential overnight absences. These awaited guidelines are welcomed and support the safe resumption of access to critical participation in community life and important relationships, for the people we support.

A copy of the guidelines is attached here <https://bit.ly/31RVdbd> and can also be found on our website [www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca](http://www.communitylivingyorksouth.ca).

As the COVID 19 pandemic evolves, CLYS continues to work with the guidelines of MCCSS and public health to frame our response and approach to supporting people to experience health and safety and all aspects of wellness. We recognize the importance of emotional well-being and connection to the people and things that are important in all of our lives and we want to approach these welcomed guidelines with the right balance of health and safety for everyone.

We all have a role to play in this as we each hold responsibility in following the measures laid out by public health:

- Following proper hand hygiene
- Maintaining physical distance of 6 feet
- Wearing a mask
- Following the provincial guidelines on social bubbles
- Avoiding crowds or expanded circles in the community

Planning is important and helps keep everyone well and feeling good about the process. If you and your family member wish to plan a short term visit, outing or absence, please contact the residential supervisor or program manager to discuss the guideline requirements and the process for planning.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the residential supervisor or program manager. We are all in this together and we are here to help.  
Thank you. Take care and stay well.

*Empowering people with an intellectual disability  
to live, learn, work, and participate in their community.*

*Autonomisant des personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle,  
avec des moyens de vivre, d'apprendre, de travailler et de participer à leur communauté.*

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