

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **RE: Updated COVID Guidelines**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to inform you that effective immediately we will be relaxing masking guidelines as per the Ministry of Children Community and Social Services guidance.

The updates to masking guidance and direction are as follows:

- Masks are recommended, but no longer required, to be worn indoors by visitors and caregivers when visiting settings that are <u>not</u> in outbreak.
- General visitors who test positive for COVID-19 should avoid visits to any Meta homes or day programs for 10 days.
- Visitors are required to comply with any masking/PPE requirements as appropriate during outbreaks or if the resident or client is on additional precautions.
- Visitors should postpone non-essential visits to client(s) who are symptomatic and/or self-isolating, or when the site is in outbreak.
- All visitors are required to self-assess for symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory or infectious diseases upon entry to any of our (home or day program) locations.

For families/caregivers dropping off and picking up their loved ones at the day programs we encourage drop offs/pick-ups to happen outside or at the entrances of the buildings to reduce the number of people going in and out of the buildings. This aids to increase security and safety of the programs and minimizes distractions associated with multiple people being in the buildings/classrooms.

For families/caregivers/friends visiting our group home locations, please refer to the attached updated "Visitation Protocols."

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Regards,

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Meta Centre Director of Operations