

memo



To: Agency-Wide/NACL Board of Directors

From: Graham Morry, Executive Director

Date: October 28, 2020

Re: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Current Situation

Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has recently stated that BC is now in its second wave of COVID-19, which is evidenced by rapidly rising case numbers.

While Vancouver Island is doing relatively well compared to the rest of the province at the moment, with a total of 250 out of 13,588 cases as of yesterday – eight (8) of which are currently active on the Island compared to 2,322 BC-wide) – this demonstrates just how important it is to remain diligent to protocols.

Masks on Shift

It has come to our attention that there have been incidents of staff not wearing masks while on shift. I cannot stress enough how critical it is that we all comply with NACL's COVID-19 Exposure and Control Plan. This not only ensures the safety of all, but also demonstrates our caring for those we serve.

This is a mandatory plan, with clearly written staff responsibilities. Program Managers and SRWs/PC1s/PC2s will be addressing anyone not following the mask protocol while on shift, and responding accordingly. In addition, spot checks will commence immediately as an added precaution. This is a serious global pandemic; as such, it is imperative that we follow the plan together.

Thank you all for doing your part.

Flu Shot Update

As in years past, Central Drugs toured all residential programs this past Friday to administer flu vaccinations to people served and staff working at the time – 60 in total. We have been informed by Central Drugs that their supply is now depleted, and that new vaccinations won't arrive to them for the "foreseeable future."

Though we are on a reserve list for a flu shot clinic at the Administration Office (open to all persons served, staff, and home share providers), we have been told to encourage those waiting for a NACL flu shot clinic to try to secure vaccinations elsewhere, as due to a supply shortage they can't guarantee if/when a clinic will come to Admin.

We are reaching out to other potential sources for a flu shot clinic (including ones that NACL would pay for, if necessary); stay tuned for further information. However, as mentioned above, you may want to try to secure your own flu shot in the meantime.

As a reminder, please forward your proof of vaccinations to the attention of Michelle Gan at the office. Again, we apologize for this inconvenience, and encourage all to seek out vaccinations when/where they can as soon as possible.

Pandemic Pay

There are some agencies who have received their funds and have paid out their staff. NACL has still not received these monies yet; but as previously stated, will be paid out immediately upon receipt via direct deposit.

In Conclusion...

As always, I'm 100% available if you have any questions or concerns – please don't hesitate to contact me anytime.

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