

COVID-19 – Latest News

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We are now in the six month of living with the reality of Covid-19 and while we continue to work hard in our preventive measures, we are very thankful that Community Living Glengarry has no positive COVID-19 cases among residents or active employees.

We are extremely grateful for our dedicated workforce. The 85 plus employees of Community Living Glengarry are demonstrating commitment, courage and resilience, as they provide essential supports and services to people we support during this most challenging time.

Our organization's highest priority is protecting the people we support and our employees.

The following are just some of the preventative measures in place to keep our staff and residents safe:

- mandatory screening of every employee and essential visitor at all agency locations
- visitor restrictions in place (family visits by appointment only and subject to screening and adherence to protective and preventative guidelines)
- ongoing training and education for all employees regarding hand washing, PPE, and procedures for exposure scenarios
- keeping a distance of at least 2 meters between residents and employees, where possible
- slowly transitioning services to community-based face to face support and services where support worker with 1 person at a time are accessing outdoor/indoor activities in the community. We will see how this unfolds during the next few weeks and if all goes well we will proceed to the next step of small cohorts accessing the Community Network Centre.

While implementing these health and safety measures, Community Living Glengarry is continuing to work closely with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, following their guidance and recommendations.

As the province of Ontario is beginning to loosen restrictions and re-open businesses, we are all beginning to feel optimism and eagerness to access our community a little more. It is important to remember that the developmental services sector is still under the emergency order until at least September 22, 2020. As the people we support are some of the most vulnerable people in our community, we must remain vigilant to protect them and their support workers.

As our organization adapts to a new reality due to COVID-19, we have been touched by the support we have received from the community. We have received donations of hand sanitizers, face masks, and have even had generous individuals, staff's relatives and past employees make masks for our organization. The Glengarry Memorial Hospital

assisted us in the acquisition of medical masks in the early stages of Covid-19. The Social Services Relief Fund through the City of Cornwall awarded CLG a grant covering some costs related to masks and hand sanitizers. Not only are these essential items greatly appreciated, but they remind us that our vital services and supports are not forgotten by the residents of Glengarry County. Thank you.

We recognize this is a challenging time for the people we support, our employees and the families we serve. We will get through this together.

We will continue to provide updates on how our organization is responding to and impacted by COVID-19.

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