



MEMORANDUM

TO: Bethesda Staff and Familyhome Providers
FROM: Brian Davies, Chief Executive Officer
DATE: February 17, 2021
SUBJECT: Operations Update

Dear Staff and Familyhome Providers,

On February 12, 2021, the Premier of Ontario announced that 27 Public Health Regions will be returning to a strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). This change took effect yesterday, February 16 at 12:01 am and includes the following:

- Niagara has returned to the Grey-Lockdown zone;
- Hamilton has returned to the Red-Control zone; and
- Haldimand-Norfolk has returned to the Orange-Restrict zone.

In response to this announcement, and with guidance from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and Public Health, the following modifications will be implemented:

Adult Residential Services travel within Bethesda's Adult Residential Services will continue to be restricted to essential trips. Exceptions outside of essential trips will be made only with Management approval.

Non-essential visitors will be permitted for outdoor visits only. These visits are to be supervised and follow all enhanced precautions, as previously, such as active screening, physical distancing and PPE use (surgical mask and face shield / goggles).

Day Program will reopen on Monday, February 22, with cohorts of no more than 5 people.

At this time, there are no changes to the operations of **Children's Services, Adult Clinical (Thorold, Fly Road and Hamilton Offices) and Administration**.

The gradual reopening of Ontario and the [provinces' three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan](#) are positive steps in the ongoing efforts to stop COVID-19. Our dedication to following the measures outlined by the Government, both at work and at home, have kept our staff, Familyhome providers and the people we support as safe as possible through this challenging time. Through our perseverance with these measures, we will continue to keep each other safe until we have beaten this pandemic. If you have any questions, please speak with your Manager or email questions@bethesdaservices.com.

Respectfully,

Brian Davies