



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Bethesda Staff and Familyhome Providers

**FROM:** Brian Davies, Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** March 3, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Operations Update

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Dear Staff and Familyhome Providers,

On February 26, 2021, the Ontario Government announced that nine public health regions would move to new levels in the [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). These changes took effect on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 12:01 am and included:

- Niagara Region moved to the Red Zone - Control.
- Haldimand-Norfolk moved to the Yellow Zone – Protect.

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Our administrative staff will return to work out of our Schmon and Fly Road locations on a partial rotating basis, effective Monday, March 8, 2021. Specifics will be communicated via a separate email.

At this time, Children's Services, Adult Residential Services, and Adult Clinical Services will continue to operate as previously communicated, maintaining the enhanced measures implemented.

We are pleased to advise that congregate care settings have been moved to tier 1 of the [provinces' three-phased vaccine distribution implementation plan](#) within Niagara. With this, essential frontline staff working within Developmental Services are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Working closely with Public Health, vaccinations for Bethesda's frontline staff began on Monday, March 1. As soon as we receive notice that our staff working outside of congregate care, our Familyhome Providers and the individuals we support are eligible, we will communicate those details.

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication as we navigate this pandemic.

Respectfully,

Brian Davies