



MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL STAFF
FROM: SUZANN R. DOHERTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2021
SUBJECT: PPE CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has made changes to the PPE requirements for front line workers and visitors to the home.

Effective immediately the following changes are in effect-

- Eye protection is not required when you are able to social distance from a client, outdoors or when driving. Proper eye protection must be worn when social distancing of 2 metres is not possible and for all personal care and hygiene. Eye protection **MUST be close-fitting around the head and/or provide a barrier from the front, the sides and the top.** If your eye protection does not offer that please contact your Manager for more options.
- **Staff must wear a medical mask at all times indoors and outdoors. Visitors must wear a mask at all times when indoors at the client residence.** Staff may remove masks if they are on a break and socially distanced for eating and drinking, when alone outside or alone inside a staff office.
- Supported Independent Living locations require staff and client screening once per day at the start of the first shift of the day. If symptoms develop during the shift, staff or clients must screen again and immediately notify a Manager or Oncall. Temperature checks are only required if COVID – 19 symptoms develop.
- 24 hour residential locations will require staff and client screening at the beginning of each shift. If symptoms develop during the shift for staff, visitors or clients screening should be performed again and immediately notify a Manager or Oncall. Temperature checks are only required if COVID – 19 symptoms develop.

The Policy manual will be updated as soon as we can.

