

April 5, 2021

## **UPDATE**

To the individuals we support, their families, and our community partners,

On April 1, the Premier of Ontario announced the implementation of a Provincewide Emergency Brake, which took effect on Saturday, April 3, for at least four weeks. In response to this announcement, and with guidance from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and Public Health, the modifications below will be implemented while this Provincewide Emergency Brake is in place. As always, we will continuously be evaluating the provincial requirements to determine when it is appropriate to re-engage in face-to-face services.

## **DAY ACTIVITIES**

Day Activity programs will be suspended, after the usual Easter closure, effective April 6, 2021. All sites will be deep cleaned and will reopen on April 12, 2021. Virtual activities will be offered to the individuals that access these services through the Recreation department.

## **RESPITE**

As previously directed and until further notice, in-person Adult Respite continues to be suspended. Virtual activities will continue to be offered to the individuals who are active within this program.

## **ADULT CLINICAL SERVICES**

We will continue providing services via telepractice through phone, email and videoconference. Face-to-face services will be provided on a case by case basis.

## **VISITORS**

During this time, indoor visits will not be permitted for non-essential and designated visitors. Outdoor visits may continue with supervision and physical distancing.

We encourage each of you to speak with your Bethesda contact on virtual ways to visit with your loved ones at this time.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

All Administrative staff will be working from home, where possible.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Children's Services will continue to operate with the current level of capacity.

On March 23, we advised that a staff working within our residential programs at Fly Road had tested positive for COVID-19. We are pleased to advise that this staff has made a full recovery!

We appreciate your patience as we continue to navigate this next wave of COVID-19 and the regulations being implemented. We will continue to provide updates as the situation progresses. If you have any questions, please continue to talk to your Bethesda contact for details on your personal services or let us know at [questions@bethesdaservices.com](mailto:questions@bethesdaservices.com).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Davies', is positioned above the printed name.

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