

Truth and Reconciliation



A Message from the Executive Director

Recently the Ministry of Long-Term Care announced all long-term care workers, students and volunteers to have COVID-19 vaccines by Nov. 15th.

Since September 15th, the Bennett Centre implemented its own vaccine policy requiring all staff, students and volunteers to have their COVID-19 vaccines by Oct 30th.

On Oct 1, 2021 the ministry announced that as of Oct 15, 2021 all homes must select a randomized testing approach to be used at the home to randomly test fully immunized individuals using a rapid antigen test. Randomized testing is required on a weekly basis and must not be done on the same day each week.

The flu vaccines have arrived at the home and will be administered starting the week of Oct 11, 2021. Consent forms have been emailed to families/POAs re administration of the annual flu vaccine to all residents. Extra copies are also available at the screening desk. Please complete and return this form if you have not already done so.

At the September Bennett Village Board meeting, the Board approved the hiring of the Project Manager and Operational Consultant. Colliers is the Project Manager and Julie Bessant Pelech Associates is the Operational Consultant. They along with Steve Bryant (Financial Advisor; CMLS) and Craig Newsome (Architect) will be the Bennett Development Team and the Bennett Leadership Team to discuss the scope of work, workplan and schedule. The Development Team will be assisting the Bennett in preparing a number of Ministry reports (business plan, projected operational budget for the new Home, design of the new Home; preparing the permits for Town and Halton Region). The Executive Director will also ensure the Development Team meets front-line staff and families shortly.

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Bennett Centre Family Newsletter

October 2021

Recreation Update

As we resume community outings, some venues require photo ID to enter. If you have a copy of their ID, we ask that you please bring it in so we can copy it and put in on file.

Thank you,

Recreation Team



COVID-19 Immunity Study

The Bruyère Research Institute C19 Immunity Study results are now available for those who have participated. The second round of sample collection is expected to start at the beginning of October. This will allow at least three weeks to pass after the Residents have had the third vaccine dose. The goal of this research study is to better understand the level and duration of immunity against COVID-19 in Long Term Care. Residents, Staff and Families are able to participate. If you are interested in joining the Immunity study please contact Alison Agnew for further information at aagnew@bennettvillage.ca

A Message from Family Council

Hello Bennett Centre family members! We're getting to see Hello Bennett Centre family members!

The Bennett Family Council has a regular monthly meeting (on a Thursday @ 7:30 pm for approx. 30 minutes). This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences and/or concerns, and ask questions to other fellow family members without Bennett management or staff present. It's surprising how much you value speaking with other family members once you get going! Even just listening can be very helpful and informative. For instance, we discuss the messages sent by the Bennett leadership group as well as discuss any other individual questions or concerns. Then we develop a list to discuss with the Bennett leadership with questions, concerns and suggestions. The Bennett leadership is obligated to respond within 10 days (but usually much sooner). The Family Council members also help out supporting fundraising activities that enhance the residents' (and staff) environment and well-being. We are also planning to have guest speakers to give us presentations of pertinent topics that affect both family and residents.

Please join us!

Our next Zoom call is scheduled for Thursday, October 28. (7:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88170877572...>

Meeting ID: 881 7087 7572

Passcode: 873348

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- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bennettfamilycouncil/> It's a private Facebook group/page to discuss/join/be made aware of topics.

Visit www.fco.ngo (Family Councils of Ontario). See what they do and how they help.

Regards,

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