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Dear people we support and families,

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced parts of their COVID-19 Action Plan for Vulnerable People. This plan is geared towards protecting vulnerable populations during this outbreak, and builds on previously announced measures by the government.

Right now, we're waiting on some of the details from this plan, in an effort to ensure the health and safety of the people we support and our staff. We will continue to look to the government, as well as local health professionals, to guide preventative measures during this time.

To read more: <https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2020/04/ontario-delivers-action-plan-to-increase-protection-for-vulnerable-people-and-those-who-care-for-the.html>

Yesterday evening, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services released changes to eligible expenses under the Passport program. This temporary shift expands the list of eligible expenses and recognizes that many community-based activities are closed. For more details: <https://www.mcscs.gov.on.ca/en/mcscs/programs/developmental/serviceSupport/passport.aspx>

Should we receive more details around this update to Passport, we will share those as they become available.

In previous communications, we shared that two of our staff had tested positive for COVID-19. As of yesterday, one of those staff members has recovered, which was confirmed by two negative test results from Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health. Good news indeed!

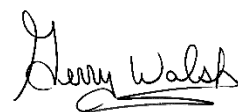
At present, we have three Direct Support Professionals and one person that we support who are awaiting test results. We continue to take measures available to us to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of all involved.

Earlier this week, we received notice that we will be receiving Personal Protective Equipment from the government. We continue to source gloves, masks, gowns, and face shields in the event that we need to increase our PPE use. Some community members have generously donated handmade cloth masks, as a temporary alternative. We're tremendously grateful for their generosity and thoughtfulness through these difficult times.

We will continue to keep you informed of any new developments, and you can read the latest at: clgw.ca/covid19

Regards,


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