

23 June 2020

Dear people we support and families,

Last week, we shared with you that a person we support and a staff member, located at the same residence, had tested positive for COVID-19.

In our next steps with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, all staff working at the residence, as well as those living there, received COVID-19 testing.

From those results, another person we support and a staff member have tested positive.

As advised by WDG Public Health, those who were in close contact of the four positive cases are required to isolate to limit any potential spread, as follows:

- Staff for this residence will be participating in a work-home isolation, until advised otherwise.
- People supported in this residence will be self-isolating to a specific area of this residence.

We will continue our work alongside the local health authority, as well as within the team at the residence to ensure that staff and the people we support are safe and have the support they need.

This is a challenging virus, and it effects everyone differently. We continue to hope for a speedy recovery and good health for the people we support, as well as our Direct Support Professionals. We're looking forward to everyone returning to the residence, when they are healthy and ready to do so.

Tomorrow, June 24th, is a Developmental Service Worker Appreciation Day, an initiative by CUPE. If you have a moment, please visit our social media channels after 8am tomorrow morning. We will have posted a letter, and invite you to leave a note of appreciation for a Direct Support Professional who has had a positive impact on your, or your family's life.

You can find us on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CLGuelphWell/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/clguelphwell>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/clguelphwell/>

Last week, you would have received a memo regarding Guelph Transit re-instating their bus fares. While our required restrictions have not changed, we do support a variety of people living outside of our residential settings. CLGW acts as a hub for bus passes for many of the people we support. We are mindful that public transportation information might also be important for anyone receiving services in the Guelph area, as well as staff who may take the bus to work.

We apologize for any confusion this memo might have created – however, previous restrictions do remain in place.

As you may know, the [Government of Ontario continues to extend emergency orders](#). The latest extension is through to June 30th, 2020.

Also, Ontario.ca has some helpful mental health resources for staff and families.

You will find Internet-Based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy available to you, to help cope with stress, isolation, pressure caring for family members or community members, information overload and more. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-people#icbt>

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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