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Community Living disABILITY Services Webinar: COVID-19 Updates

April 30, 2021

Welcome

- ▶ **Elizabeth Debicka**, A/Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives and Program Support
- ▶ **Jason Lacasse**, Executive Director, Disability Programs and Specialized Services

The following CLDS representatives are on the panel:

- ▶ **Andrea Thibault-McNeill**, A/Director, Legislation, Program and Policy Innovation
- ▶ **Craig Wynands**, A/Director, Operations & Transformation Management
- ▶ **Dan Fingler**, Senior Program and Policy Analyst
- ▶ **Dorothy Rutledge**, Pandemic Response Nurse
- ▶ **Shari Szeremley**, Pandemic Response Nurse

The following Manitoba Health and Seniors Care representative is on the panel:

- ▶ **Brenda Dyck**, Infection Prevention and Control Consultant

COVID 19 Statistics - CLDS Participants

- ▶ COVID-19 statistics are drawn from the Situational Management Plans submitted by service providers
- ▶ Please note that there are approximately **7,500** CLDS participants currently in the program. The percentage of CLDS participants who have tested positive is **3.3%**
- ▶ These statistics are current as at April 30, 2021, 11:00AM

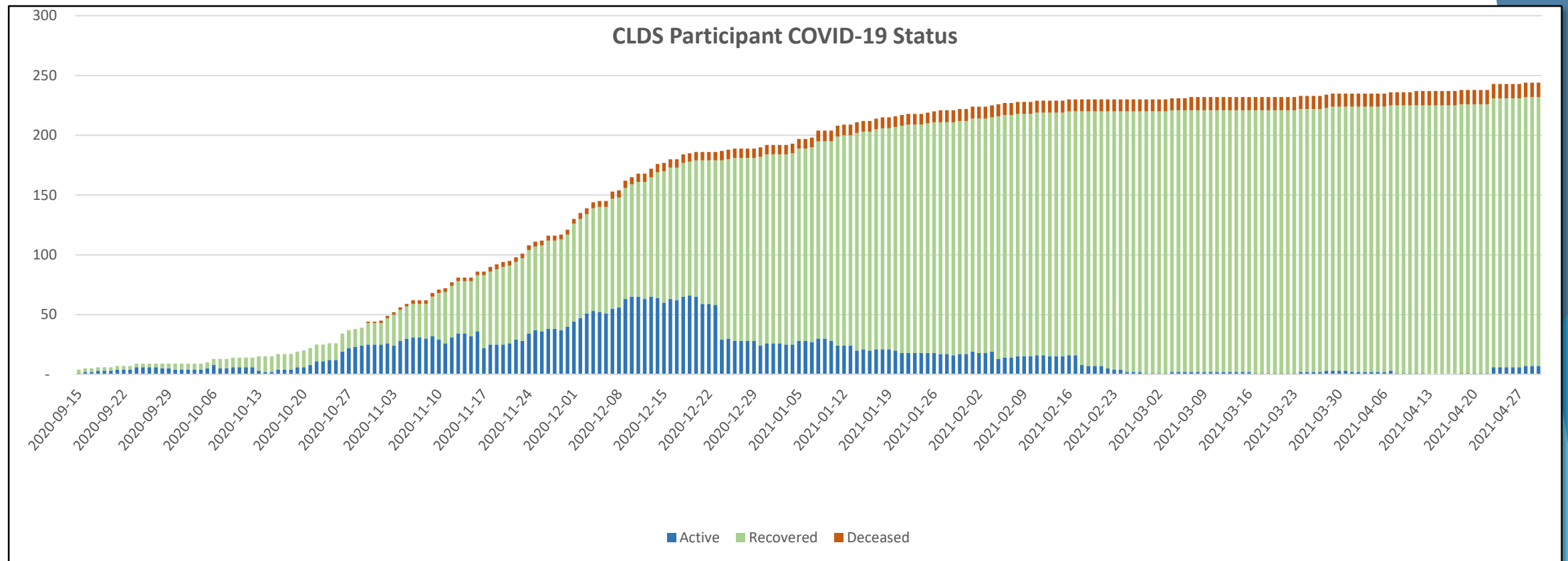
COVID 19 Statistics - CLDS Participants

Region	Active Cases Community	Active Cases Hospitalized	Active Cases Subtotal	Recovered Cases	Deceased	Total
Central	0	0	0	8	2	10
Eastman	0	0	0	37	0	37
Interlake	3	1	4	10	0	14
Northern	0	0	0	5	1	6
Parkland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westman	0	0	0	1	0	1
Winnipeg	3	0	3	162	9	174
Not Specified	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total:	6*	1	7	225	12	244

* Two active cases are linked to a variant of concern

COVID 19 Statistics - CLDS Participants

► Day-to-day trend from September 15, 2020 to April 30, 2021



COVID 19 Statistics - CLDS Staff and Agencies

- ▶ There are approximately **10,000+** staff delivering services. Approximately **4.2%** of staff have tested positive
- ▶ There are **99** funded agencies delivering services across the province. Of them, **48.5%** have managed a COVID-positive case (either staff or participant)
- ▶ These statistics are current as at April 30, 2021, 11:00AM

COVID 19 Statistics - CLDS Staff and Agencies

Staff

Region	Active Cases	Recovered Cases	Total
Central	0	6	6
Eastman	1	75	76
Interlake	3	8	11
Northern	2	3	5
Parkland	0	1	1
Westman	0	6	6
Winnipeg	11	294	305
No Agency/ Unknown	0	5	5
TOTAL:	17*	398	415

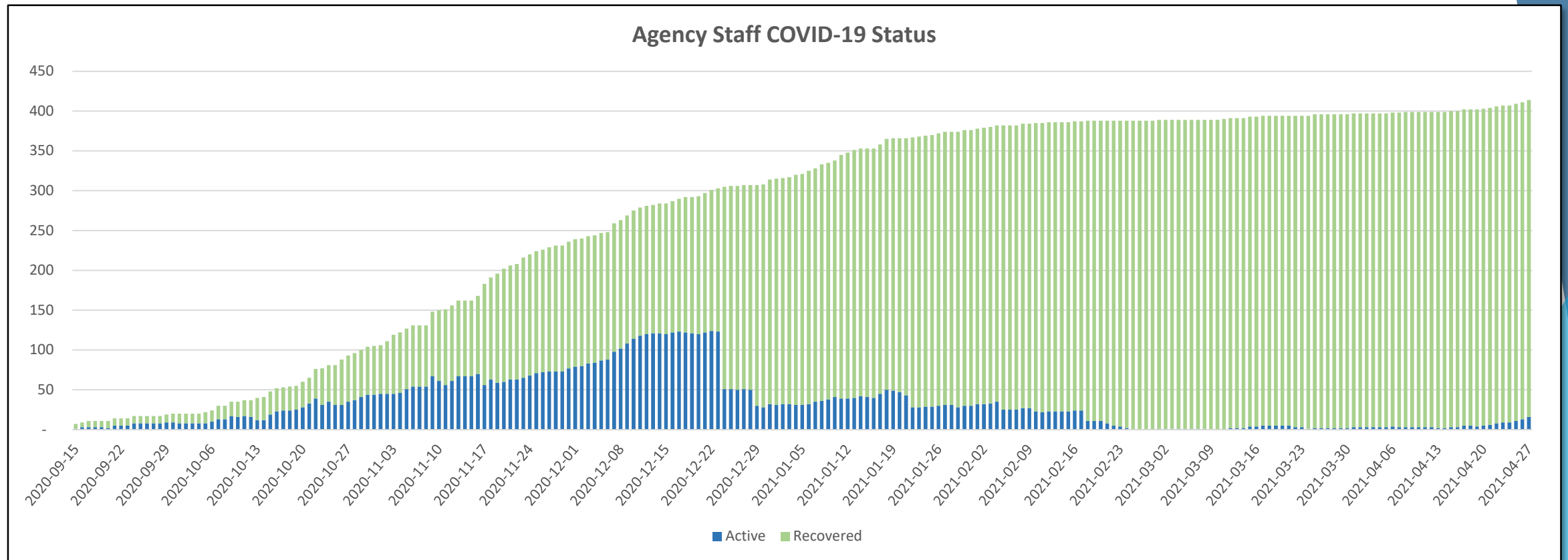
Agencies

Region	Current	Cumulative
Central	0	3
Eastman	1	3
Interlake	3	5
Northern	1	2
Parkland	1	1
Westman	0	3
Winnipeg	8	31
TOTAL:	14	48

*One active case is linked to a variant of concern

COVID 19 Statistics - CLDS Staff and Agencies

► Day-to-day trend from September 15, 2020 to April 30, 2021



COVID-19 and N95 Respirators

COVID-19 Transmission

- ▶ Virus: SARS-COV-2
- ▶ Contact
 - ▶ Direct physical contact
- ▶ Indirect
 - ▶ Contaminated object (e.g. equipment)
- ▶ Droplet
 - ▶ Droplets that contain COVI-19 propel short distance (within 2 metres) onto mouth, nose and mouth
- ▶ Airborne
 - ▶ Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs)

Medical Mask



- ▶ Surgical/Procedure Mask
 - ▶ Barrier to prevent droplets from an infected individual from contaminating the skin and mucous membranes of the nose and mouth of the wearer
 - ▶ Filter/trap droplets (e.g. COVID-19)
 - ▶ Loose fitting
 - ▶ Need to meet standardized test requirements
 - ▶ Level 1 to 3
 - ▶ Filtration, breathability, splashes, flammability
 - ▶ Eye protection (frames and lenses) to achieve protection of the eyes and nose

N95 Respirator



▶ N95 Respirator

- ▶ NIOSH-approved or approved by a certifying agency equivalent to NIOSH (N95 higher filtration)
- ▶ Personal protective device that fits tightly around the nose and mouth of the wearer (creates a seal to prevent leakage)
- ▶ Used to reduce the risk of inhaling hazardous airborne particles and aerosols, including dust particles and infectious germs
- ▶ Eye protection (frames and lenses) to achieve protection of the eyes and nose



N95 Respirators

- ▶ MNU Agreement-Extended to all of Healthcare
 - ▶ Staff working with COVID-19 positive and suspect patients in environments where the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is higher are able to access an N95 respirator, if they choose
 - ▶ Manitoba Government
 - ▶ Required when assisting with sleep apnea machines
 - ▶ AGMP
 - ▶ Access to N95 respirator to all government/government funded workers who provide direct care to suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19
 - ▶ Point of Care Risk Assessment
 - ▶ Assessment to determine type of PPE to be used
 - ▶ Worker wants to use a N95 Respirator instead of a medical mask

N95 Respirators

- ▶ Workplace Health and Safety Act
 - ▶ Employers
 - ▶ Responsible for ensuring fit-testing, education and auditing of appropriate use and conservation of PPE
 - ▶ Ensure N95 available at hand or easily available to workers
 - ▶ Workers
 - ▶ Must be fit tested for N5 respirators by someone competent (having knowledge, training and experience) in the practice of fit testing
 - ▶ Training for use (donning, doffing, seal check) care and limitations for use are done at the time of fit testing.
 - ▶ Respiratory seal check must be done when donning but it is not fit testing

Questions?



CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Eligibility

- ▶ All CLDS participants are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
 - ▶ All CLDS participants are eligible to receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines
 - ▶ Some are also eligible to receive the AstraZeneca/Covishield Vaccine
- ▶ CLDS participants who meet the eligibility criteria for:
 - ▶ the general public should book their appointment through the general scheduling process
 - ▶ supersites and pop-up clinics or community-based eligibility can schedule a Pfizer or Moderna vaccination appointment by calling 1-844-626-8222 or using the [online booking system](#)
 - ▶ medical clinics and pharmacies can schedule an AstraZeneca/Covishield vaccination appointment by calling their medical clinic or pharmacy. CLDS participants can use the [Vaccine Shot Finder](#) to find medical clinics or pharmacies with available doses

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Scheduling and Access

- ▶ CLDS participants who do not meet the current eligibility criteria for the general public can schedule a Pfizer or Moderna vaccination appointment at a super-site or pop-up clinic by calling the department's booking team at **1-888-885-0164**
 - ▶ The department booking team is available Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM
 - ▶ Note that any CLDS participant can call this number to book an appointment
- ▶ CLDS participants will need to provide their name, date of birth, location, Personal Health Identification Number and email (if possible) when booking their appointment
 - ▶ A friend, family member, support network member or service provider can help the participant book the appointment.

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Scheduling and Access

- ▶ Residential service provider agencies can continue to include participants on a Participant Information Template (PIT) and email it to the Rapid Response Team at RRT@gov.mb.ca, particularly when requesting appointments on behalf of several CLDS participants
 - ▶ The department will then book the appointment on behalf of the individual
 - ▶ Residential service providers are encouraged to email PITs through the Secure Email Transfer Service (SETS), where possible
- ▶ The department is only scheduling first doses of the vaccine at this time. Information about second doses will be shared with the sector when it is available.

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Scheduling and Access

- ▶ CLDS participants must bring their signed consent forms, physician or nurse practitioner support letters (if applicable) and Manitoba Health Card (or another type of identification) to the vaccination site. CLDS participants should also wear a short sleeved shirt
- ▶ Service provider staff or a support network member can accompany the participant to the vaccination site, if required
- ▶ CLDS participants who cannot travel to a vaccination site due to their disability will be eligible for vaccination at their residence at a later date when more transportable vaccines become available

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Consent

- ▶ Like every Manitoban who wants to be vaccinated against COVID-19, CLDS participants must provide informed consent prior to receiving the vaccine
- ▶ The consent process should start immediately for every CLDS participant who wants to be vaccinated
 - ▶ Consent is valid for **one year** from the date of signature and covers both doses of the vaccine. As consents are kept on file, CLDS participants will not be required to complete another consent form when second doses of the vaccine are available
- ▶ For CLDS participants whose Substitute Decision Maker is the Public Guardian and Trustee for personal care, the participant is required to obtain a support letter from their doctor or nurse practitioner. For all other CLDS participants, a support letter is strongly encouraged.

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Consent

- ▶ For CLDS participants who are supported by a residential service provider agency, the residential service provider is responsible for ensuring consents are completed for CLDS participants
 - ▶ For individuals whose Substitute Decision Maker is the Public Guardian and Trustee for personal care, the residential service provider must submit copies of the completed consent forms (other than Sections C and D) and support letters via fax to the Rapid Response Team at 204-948-4511, as the Rapid Response Team will obtain consent from the Public Guardian and Trustee
 - ▶ The Rapid Response Team will fax the completed consent form back to the residential service provider once the Public Guardian and Trustee provides consent

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Consent

- ▶ For CLDS participants who are not supported by a residential service provider agency, the participant, their family, support network and/or Substitute Decision Maker (if applicable) are responsible for ensuring consent is completed, unless the participant has the Public Guardian and Trustee as Substitute Decision Maker for personal care
 - ▶ For CLDS participants whose Substitute Decision Maker is the Public Guardian and Trustee for personal care, the participant's community service worker is responsible for ensuring consent is completed
 - ▶ The community service worker will obtain copies of the participant's completed consent form (other than Sections C and D) and support letter and submit them to the Rapid Response Team who will obtain consent from the Public Guardian and Trustee
 - ▶ The Rapid Response Team will fax or email the completed consent form back to the community service worker, who will then provide it to the individual

CLDS Participant Vaccinations - Consent

- ▶ For CLDS participants whose Substitute Decision Maker is the Public and Guardian and Trustee, but have the legal authority to make their own decision regarding vaccination, those participants can provide their own consent
 - ▶ In this situation, the department still strongly encourages the individual's doctor or nurse practitioner to complete Section B of the consent form and give the participant a support letter
- ▶ Residential service providers and/or CLDS participants must retain copies of all completed consent forms and support letters (where applicable), as the participant will need to present these documents at the time of vaccination

CLDS Service Provider Staff Vaccinations

- ▶ CLDS service provider staff who work in congregate group care settings (i.e., shift-staffed homes, 24/7 cluster arrangements and 24/7 In the Company of Friends) continue to be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine
- ▶ Staff who do not provide direct care in congregate care settings are not eligible to be booked for vaccination through the department's scheduling team at this time
- ▶ Service providers are asked to continue submitting Staffing Information Templates (SITs) to FAMIC@gov.mb.ca for any new eligible staff who want the vaccine

CLDS Service Provider Staff Vaccinations

- ▶ Eligible staff may continue to call the department's booking team at **1-888-885-0164**. The caller's name must appear on a SIT to be booked for a vaccination
- ▶ Staff should not call the in-bound number to book a second appointment as the department is not scheduling appointments for second doses at this time
- ▶ Staff who have received their first dose will be notified when they are eligible to book an appointment for their second dose
- ▶ The department respectfully requests that the in-bound phone number not be shared with individuals who are not eligible to be scheduled for a vaccination appointment by the department

COVID-19 Vaccination Statistics

- ▶ As of April 30, 2021 at 11:00AM, the department had scheduled **1,016** vaccination appointments for **CLDS participants** through the Participant Information Template process for CLDS participants who were eligible for the vaccine due to residing in a congregate group care setting
 - ▶ Of the **1,016** appointments, **767** were booked in Winnipeg and **249** were booked in rural and northern Manitoba (approximately **56** per cent of eligible participants at the time)
 - ▶ At the 1680 Notre Dame Ave site in Winnipeg earlier this month, **483** appointments were scheduled and **425** participants were vaccinated (approximately **88** per cent)
- ▶ Now that all CLDS participants are eligible for the vaccine, the department will not be tracking scheduled vaccinations for participants who reside in congregate group care settings separate from the rest of the CLDS population
- ▶ As of April 30, 2021 at 11:00AM, the department had scheduled a total of **3,564** appointments for **eligible staff** across all of the department's eligible programs

Restrictions on Visits and Gatherings

- ▶ The most recent public health orders came into effect on April 28, 2021 and will expire on May 25, 2021
- ▶ These orders, which apply to all regions of the province, reinstate greater restrictions on indoor and outdoor visits and gatherings
- ▶ Except as otherwise permitted by the public health orders:
 - ▶ All indoor gatherings and outdoor gatherings on private property are prohibited; and
 - ▶ All people are prohibited from assembling in a gathering of more than 10 people at an outdoor public place
- ▶ Subsection 1(2) of the public health orders allow a person to enter the private residence of another person for the following purpose:
 - ▶ To provide health care, personal care or housekeeping services

Restrictions on Visits and Gatherings

- ▶ In consultation with public health, the CLDS program has determined this to mean that a CLDS participant can enter the home of a family member for the following extraordinary circumstances:
 - ▶ The residential care facility is no longer habitable and the family must provide care (e.g., there was a fire)
 - ▶ There is a staffing shortage and family must provide care
 - ▶ Compassionate reasons (e.g., a family member is at home receiving end-of-life care*)
 - ▶ A health emergency*
- ▶ *If a participant is seeking to enter a family home for compassionate reasons or as a result of a health emergency, the residential service provider and/or family is asked to submit a request to the CLDS program manager for approval

Restrictions on Visits and Gatherings

- ▶ The residential service provider must be in agreement with the CLDS participant visiting the family home
- ▶ In preparation for the individual's return, the service provider must follow screening criteria and contact the Rapid Response Team if there is concern that the individual may have been exposed to COVID-19

Out-of-Home Visits and Gatherings

- ▶ CLDS participants can attend a gathering at an outdoor public place (i.e., not at a private residence or residential care facility) of up to **10** people
- ▶ If the CLDS participant requires a support staff to accompany them during the gathering, the staff is included in the count
- ▶ CLDS participants can visit the home of one person who lives alone if they regularly interact with that person and are the only authorized visitor to the home

Visits to CLDS Participant Homes (Other than Residential Care Facilities)

- ▶ CLDS participants who live alone can have one person with whom they regularly interact visit their home, in accordance with the public health orders
- ▶ If the CLDS participant requires a support staff to accompany them during the visit, the staff is permitted to attend the home in addition to the authorized visitor

Visits to Residential Care Facilities

- ▶ Given that residential care facilities are not considered private residences for the purposes of the public health orders, some flexibility remains in place for these homes
- ▶ Each facility resident may designate up to two designated visitors that may visit their residential care facility
 - ▶ One of the residents' designated visitors can visit inside the facility at a time
 - ▶ One or both of the residents' designated visitors may visit outside the facility at a time
 - ▶ The total number of visitors at a facility cannot exceed three at any time

PPE Requirements for Visits to Residential Care Facilities

- ▶ For visits inside a shift-staffed facility, designated visitors must wear the same personal protective equipment that staff are required to wear, which in most cases is a medical mask and protective eyewear
- ▶ For visits outside a shift-staffed facility, designated visitors must wear a cloth mask
- ▶ For visits to home shares, designated visitors should wear a cloth mask, as the department does not provide personal protective equipment to home shares

Visits to Residential Care Facilities with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19

- ▶ If a CLDS participant residing at a residential care facility is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case, indoor and outdoor visits are suspended, unless critical to a participant's well-being
- ▶ Visits to residential care facilities with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases may be considered in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis with the appropriate personal protective equipment supplied to the service provider by the department and with all necessary precautions implemented

We will now “Ask the Pandemic Response Nurses” the questions you submitted to us