

MCCSS Enhanced Control Measures for congregate care locations

Please be advised the Ministry of Children, Community Social Services recently advised CL-CH of “enhanced source control measures” that must be implemented no later than Monday, December 7th. The enhanced control measures are as follows:

- All Staff must wear both a surgical/procedure mask AND a face shield (goggles are acceptable and are in the pandemic kits; staff should label their face shield and/or goggles) while working within the congregate locations (except when eating or drinking AND maintaining physical distancing of 2 metres/6 feet).
- All visitors who may enter the home (currently only essential visitors, such as the plumber, electrician, paramedic) are required to wear a surgical/procedure mask. Where physical distancing (2 metres/6 feet) can't be maintained, essential visitors are advised to wear a surgical/procedure mask AND face shield. The Agency can provide.
- Outdoor visitors are only required to use a face covering (e.g. non-medical/cloth mask).
- In situations where a family member has been deemed as essential and visits are occurring outside of the congregate location (e.g. at the family members' home), the family members would be advised to wear a surgical/procedure mask AND face shield when physical distancing can't be maintained (such as in a vehicle). The Agency can provide PPE and families can be encouraged to clean and reuse the face shield.
- Screening requirements for anyone entering congregate locations will now include the following questions:
 - Are you aware of the recommendations and restrictions in this community regarding gathering size, hand and respiratory hygiene, and the use of face coverings and masks?
 - Are you following these recommendations and restrictions regularly outside this setting you are seeking to enter?