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Good Afternoon Colleagues:

We are writing to you today in follow up to the announcement of August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, where the Ontario government announced that it is making COVID-19 vaccination policies mandatory for certain high-risk settings and in efforts to help prepare DS organizations for what we predict will be similar directives coming down the pipes for Developmental Services.

Below we are providing some important links, considerations and tools that can help you to prepare and based on the directive provided through the Chief Medical Officer. If you have yet to review this directive, please take a moment to follow the below link and to familiarize yourselves with the parameters and expectations.

**[Directive for Health Care Orgs - Directive #6 for Public Hospitals within the meaning of the Public Hospitals Act, Service Providers in accordance with the Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994, Local Health Integration Networks within the meaning of the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006, and Ambulance Services within the meaning of \(gov.on.ca\)](#)**

Also, of importance to note is a training document that can be used by DS agencies as part of the mandatory information sharing for those non-vaccinated and to be aligned with the expectations of the directives through the Chief Medical Officer. This document has been built onto the successful Sunnybrook information model that many may already be familiar with and using and can be found here: [https://realxchange.communitylivingsex.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/covid-19\\_vaccine\\_education\\_linked\\_videos\\_aug18-21.2.pdf](https://realxchange.communitylivingsex.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/covid-19_vaccine_education_linked_videos_aug18-21.2.pdf)

Given that it also appears that we will be in some way, shape or form relying upon Rapid Antigen Testing as part of our IPAC going forward please take this opportunity to consider and/or familiarize yourself with potential partnership opportunities to meet an expectation of this nature within your community. For example, reaching out to your local school, EMS, Community Health Care etc. We understand that the ministry will be sharing the updates on next steps as soon as possible.

We are also providing some sample vaccination and RAT policies for agencies to use and/or modify to reflect the position and adopted protocols. An example of a 'COVID-19 Vaccination Policy' can be found here: [https://realxchange.communitylivingsex.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CL-ic-078\\_Covid19\\_Vaccination\\_Policy.pdf](https://realxchange.communitylivingsex.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CL-ic-078_Covid19_Vaccination_Policy.pdf)

The above materials can also be found on the RealXChange website along with many other useful tools, documents and information: <https://realxchange.communitylivingessex.org/covid-19-vaccine-resources/>

And finally, in the upcoming week(s) please watch for opportunities to join a video conference to receive further updates and to discuss new regulations that may come into effect.

Thank you,



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