

## COMMUNIQUE # 11

<b>TO:</b> All Staff	<b>RE:</b> Update
<b>FROM:</b> Emergency Preparedness Leadership Team	<b>DATE:</b> April 17, 2020

### WEARING OF MASKS



CLA is instituting a mask wearing protocol for staff working in residential and SIL settings. Staff will be required to wear mask in the residential homes for the entirety of their shifts while SIL staff will be required to wear masks when within close proximity of the Individuals we support. Instructions have been provided on how to don and doff masks, in order to ensure that you and the Individuals you support are protected. You will find these instructions within the homes, attached and on our COVID resources page.

<https://www.clalanark.com/covid-19-resource>

### VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS

Virtual orientations are being completed by our day service staff to ensure that if we need to redeploy staff they will be ready to move into our group homes at a moment's notice. Please note, this is precautionary measure and the redeployment is not imminent.



Orientation

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING



We have begun our virtual programming! If you have not joined out CLA Talk and Learn Facebook page, please do so! Contact Kristen Ritchie for more details. The group includes videos and photos of the people we support in their homes and making the best of their time together. Thank you to staff for being extra creative!

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/clatalkandlearn/?multi\\_permalinks=2619641638319443%2C2619637268319880%2C2618766048407002%2C2618542318429375%2C2619631641653776&notif\\_id=1587038293886300&notif\\_t=group\\_activity&ref=notif](https://www.facebook.com/groups/clatalkandlearn/?multi_permalinks=2619641638319443%2C2619637268319880%2C2618766048407002%2C2618542318429375%2C2619631641653776&notif_id=1587038293886300&notif_t=group_activity&ref=notif)

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## ESSENTIAL WORKER LETTER

During these trying times some businesses are offering discounts to those considered essential workers. A letter has been created for you to download and print should you wish to have a copy for any incentives you may come across. The letter can be found attached and on the CLA website. <https://www.clalanark.com/covid-19-resource>



## MY HEALTH PASSPORT

Tania Burns has shared some of her resources with us, including this one entitled My Health Passport. This may be a great resource should anyone we support require medical supports. The document can be found attached and on our CLA website. <https://www.clalanark.com/covid-19-resource>

## SUPPORTING THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DURING COVID 19



Tania also pointed us to this webinar that has been created by Community Living Ontario. COVID-19 presents major challenges for anyone managing long-term or acute health issues. It can be particularly challenging for people with developmental disabilities, who are at high risk of experiencing negative health effects, inadequate care and social isolation in this uncertain time.

<https://youtu.be/WwAosC8tQLY>

## ASSOCIATION DO'S AND DON'T'S

Earlier this week Barb sent around a list of what we are asking you to do and not do when supporting Individuals during this time. Please see attached or the website for this document.



DOs



DON'Ts

“ Kindness is realizing that we’re all in this together. ”

- RAKtivist

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