

## COVID-19 COMMUNIQUE #3

<b>TO: All Staff</b>	<b>RE: Education/Information</b>
<b>FROM: Emergency Preparedness Leadership Team</b>	<b>DATE: March 17, 2020</b>

Day 2 of the roll out of the emergency plan has gone very well. Plans are in place to support Individuals living in SIL to ensure that they remain healthy and in good spirits; including providing them with information on the importance of self isolation and good hygiene. Plans are also underway to assist with groceries and to provide nutritious meals in order to discourage them from going into grocery stores.

SIL staff are equipped with an emergency kit to screen Individuals prior to entering their home as well as safety equipment should an Individual be found to have symptoms associated with COVID-19. CLA is doing their part to assist family members of the Individuals we support as well as other vulnerable Individuals that come to our attention.

There are six items of which we wish to update you today:

### 1. MASKS

Jean Thompson (nurse, Rideau Community Health Services – specialty with Individuals with developmental disabilities) has provided us with the following information in regards to wearing masks.

**Should we suspect that someone has contracted COVID-19 (or the case has been confirmed) staff are to wear gloves and regular masks while supporting them, in their own bedroom. The Individual who has contracted the virus should also wear a mask as well. We do not need to wear masks at all times.**

### 2. ROLE OF THE DIRECT SUPPORT PROVIDER DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC WEBINAR

The National Alliance for Developmental Support Providers have released a webinar on the role of the Direct Support Provider during COVID-19 pandemic. While the information may come from an American association, they do work closely with Canadian associations. The webinar can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ud4Q4e\\_hcuw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ud4Q4e_hcuw&feature=youtu.be)

### 3. WEBSITE

The latest information and communiques will be housed on our CLA website for your information. Please go to: <https://www.clalanark.com/covid-19-resource>

#### **4. EMAILS**

Please be aware that there are people out there that may try to send viruses through your email. Please do not open any Coronavirus emails from anyone that you do not know.

#### **5. SUPPLIES**

We continue to outsource cleaning supplies, toilet paper, etc. and are doing our best to keep a stock of essentials here at the main office. As you know, some items are at a premium and are being sold out as soon as they hit store shelves. We would ask that if you come across any such supplies and are willing to purchase some on the association's behalf it would be very much appreciated; and, of course you would be reimbursed. These supplies include:

- Toilet Paper
- Waterless hand sanitizer
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Lysol Wipes
- Thermometers (no touch)

#### **6. REACHING MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TEAM**

Should you need to reach a member of the team, please call us at the main office at 613.257.8040 X210.

We thank you for your dedication to the association and the Individuals we support!