

November 23, 2020

Re: Grey Zone “Lockdown”: Visitor Information

Dear Member, Family and or Visitor,

In response to the continuing increases in COVID-19 cases, as of Monday, November 23, 2020, Premier Ford has moved Toronto and Peel Regions into the grey “lockdown” zone. This lockdown will be in effect for 28 days. This decision is an attempt to slow down transmission rates and help to keep the most vulnerable safe.

VITA Community Living Services and Mens Sana Families for Mental Health (VITA) falls within the lockdown zone. We are well prepared, and all our residences have provisions in place to maintain the regulations set forth by Public Health Ontario and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS). As a result of the Provincial lockdown, VITA will be placing all “in person” visits on hold for the next 28 days. This is effective at all VITA locations. VITA has implemented numerous protocols to minimize public exposure. Although we are on lockdown, VITA will continue to support members access essential services as required, i.e. medical.

VITA’s Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) has been closely monitoring transmission rates, both within VITA and within our local communities. In response to alarming increases in positive cases, on November 18, 2020 the IPAC team directed all VITA locations to wear FULL Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for 28 days. Again, this directive was put in place to reduce transmission and keep our members safe.

We understand the challenges safety directives pose, and each decision was evaluated carefully. Our goal is to keep VITA members healthy and safe, as we await a much-anticipated vaccine. Although “in person” meetings have been placed on hold, maintaining regular contact with your loved one is imperative for the wellbeing of our members. Please continue to connect virtually. If you require support with virtual visits, please connect with the home’s Supervisor or your primary worker.

VITA continues to work closely with Families, Public Health and MCCSS to ensure our members are happy, safe and healthy. Only together can we reduce the spread of COVID-19.

If you have any questions, please contact your Residential Supervisor.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith  
Executive Director  
Vita CLS and Mens Sana Families For Mental Health