

COVID-19- Notice to Families Attending the Quinte Children's Treatment Centre

Quinte Children's Treatment Centre, as part of Quinte Health Care is making some changes to our processes for attending on site appointments at any of our sites across Hastings and Prince Edward Counties.

Starting December 7, 2021 **parents or caregivers** attending appointments with their child will be **required to:**

- **Provide a proof of Covid 19 Vaccination** completed at least 14 days before the visit. Your proof of vaccination is your vaccine receipt or enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code, sometimes called a vaccine passport or vaccine record. Also, the existing vaccine receipts (paper or electronic) will continue to serve as valid proof of vaccination. You will need to provide picture identification as well.
- **If not vaccinated or exempt from vaccination, you will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test** using either a rapid antigen test administered upon entry at the hospital or proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test (the kind done at local COVID-19 testing centres) performed in the last 72 hours. On site testing will not be available at our Madoc or Bancroft sites.
- It is recommended that you get your testing done at the local assessment centre to avoid delays at the entrance of the hospital especially if your child has difficulty waiting as the testing will take about 15 minutes to obtain results. Note that these requirements are only for the parent/caregiver and not the child/youth that is coming for services. The ability to attend without proof of vaccine is specific to an exemption for parents/caregivers of CTC clients. If you are attending the hospital for other reasons, different requirements will apply.

For both **parents/caregivers and clients of the centre** the following is **essential:**

- Screening of any symptoms prior to attending any appointments to ensure all are symptom free before coming on site. Clients should pass the screening by Public Health that is used for child care and school attendance. If they fail this screen, they should not attend their appointment.
- If either demonstrate any symptoms through the screening, please notify the centre at 613-969-7400 ext. 2247 or your therapist, to reschedule your appointment. Where possible, an onsite appointment may be changed to a virtual care appointment through Zoom.

In line with current provincial vaccination standards, you are considered fully vaccinated if you have received the following at least 14 days before the appointment:

- The full series of a COVID-19 authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines (two doses of Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, including COVISHIELD) in any combination or one dose of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada
- Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada

QHC has patients and staff members at greater risk of COVID-19 infection. Even with vaccination, less severe COVID-19 infections can pose a danger to vulnerable individuals and could negatively impact the already strained staffing resources, especially in the situation of an outbreak.