

July 15, 2021

Memorandum To: MCCSS-Funded Transfer Payment Recipients (TPRs) and
Children's Residential Licensees that Provide Services and
Supports in Congregate Care Settings

From: Karen Singh
Director, Central Region

Subject: **Updated MCCSS Guidance for Congregate Living
Settings**

Dear Colleagues:

In follow-up to the memo issued on June 30, 2021, I am please to share with you the ministry's latest guidance entitled **COVID-19 Guidance for MCCSS-funded and Licensed Congregate Living Settings (July 2021)**.

The direction outlined in this document will come into effect on **July 16, 2021**.

The ministry [website](#) will be updated to reflect the changes that will be of most interest to families/caregivers, and the guidance document itself will be posted for ease of access. A news release will also be issued on July 15, 2021.

Service providers operating in areas where there is higher community spread than in the rest of the province are advised to follow local public health direction with respect to any additional precautionary measures.

MCCSS funded and licensed congregate living settings must continue to ensure compliance with all applicable legislation, which may include the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017*, the *Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008* and human rights legislation.

As a reminder, please continue to share up to date information about your visitor and absence policies with families and friends of your residents.

Please share this communication broadly with any/all providers that your organization contracts/sub-contracts with to provide supports in a congregate setting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your MCCSS program supervisor or ministry contact.

Sincerely,

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Karen Singh
Director, Central Region