

Sixth Wave Update

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Good day friends, families, and employees of CLB,

By this time, we thought our employees would have some respite and relief from the Pandemic but yet we are here facing another new wave.

We have had 5 outbreaks from mid-March to present and we are seeing a number of our employees off sick with Covid-19. As staff are at home isolating, we have again seen the pressure and strain that our teams are taking on during these outbreaks. This runs in parallel with what is happening in our community, schools, and hospitals.

Our staffing and capacity pressures are ongoing and this has put our further expansion of day service attendance on hold. We are sorry to deliver this terrible news to the families in our community who have their adult children living at home with them 24/7, we know this has been a constant struggle over the past 2 years.

With all that is happening in our Province, we have decided to postpone Walk'n Roll for the time being. Activities must be safe for everyone to participate in and given the sixth wave is just picking up speed, we felt it was best to be safe rather than sorry.

At Community Living Burlington, we have taken the responsibility of protecting the people we support and our employees very seriously. We are Rapid Antigen Testing our employees twice a week (cheek, throat and nasal) and we continue to screen, wear our PPE and enhance our cleaning measure to minimize the risks to everyone.

The fourth booster has been made available to everyone in Ontario 60 years and older including the people we support as well as those who are immunocompromised. Our employees are booking these appointments as quickly as possible. We will also continue to advocate that everyone we support and our employees have access to the fourth booster.

The burden of another wave weighs heavily on everyone. Please be patient with all employees at CLB as we continue to reinforce the need for masking outside of the home, accessing vaccinations and boosters, and keeping your social bubble small.

Enjoy your Easter weekend. Thanks and stay safe,

Judy Pryde