

SAFETY TALK



COVID GUIDELINES NEED TO BE FOLLOWED WHILE AT WORK

DID YOU KNOW?

Guidance for the general public is **not health-care guidance** and is **not intended to be applied in the health-care setting**. Extra precautions are necessary to protect vulnerable patient and resident populations, as well as your colleagues.

YOU NEED TO KNOW:

It is imperative that staff continue to follow the guidelines set out by the Emergency Operations Centre, Infection Prevention and Control and the Pandemic Safety Task Force:

- SHA HCWs are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated (i.e. two doses) to help protect themselves and those around them.
- All SHA HCWs are required to do the [Daily Fitness for Work](#) screening before each shift — If you are experiencing even mild symptoms of COVID-19, it's important that you stay home to take care of yourself and not come to work. Coming to work could put your health, your coworkers, and your patients at risk.
- All of the health-care workforce (HCW) working in SHA facilities (even those not providing direct patient care), long-term care homes, affiliates and those performing any SHA service (ex: home care, immunization clinics) are required to continue following current [continuous eye protection/mask use](#) and [PPE guidelines](#)
- Ensure that you are still physically distancing and practicing [proper break room safety](#), which includes not sharing food or holding potlucks.
 - Being safe while taking a break applies to breaks both inside and outside
 - When you are car-pooling to work you need to be thinking of risk - ensure you are masked and have a window open for fresh air
- GET TESTED - If you are experiencing symptoms it is important that you are tested for COVID-19 — More information can be found in the [Test to Protect](#) strategy
- Continue to hold virtual meetings through Webex, [efforts should be made to reduce face-to-face](#) time to the absolute minimum and follow guidelines set out for [safe meetings rooms practices](#)
- [Enhanced cleaning & disinfection](#)
- [Hand hygiene on entry and exit from facility and according to SHA Hand Hygiene policy](#)

QUESTION ?

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON WAYS STAFF MAY EASE UP ON GUIDELINES AT WORK? WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN?



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ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE SOME RESPECTFUL WAYS YOU CAN SPEAK UP WHEN WITNESSING COWORKERS NOT PRACTICING BREAK-ROOM SAFETY?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CONTINUE TO BE SAFE WHILE CAR POOLING TO AND FROM WORK?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE DAILY FITNESS FOR WORK SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE?

SAFETY TALK NOTES:

WORKERS PRESENT:

WORKER CONCERNS:



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