

## PARKLAND CLASS RELAUNCH STRATEGY



Parkland CLASS' Relaunch strategy is based on a gradual return to 'normal' activities while still maintaining a level of caution to ensure the health & safety of individuals, staff and families. Factors contributing to the plan include, but are not limited to, Provincial Restrictions and Individual risk factors. We are encouraged by the downward trend in positive cases across the agency over the past week and hope that this trend continues. We appreciate everyone's dedication and cooperation to keep our individuals and coworkers safe. We know that without the commitment and dedication of many of you, our experience could and would have been even more challenging than it has been. Let's keep our positive momentum going for the remaining days of winter so that we can look forward to more pleasant days ahead.

### PHASE THREE (3) April 1, 2022

- \* Parkland CLASS considers the use of gowns & shields as **best practice** to protect against COVID-19 and other viruses, especially when in close contact situations.
  - \* Regardless of PPE requirements, **Standard Precautions** (ie. gloves) must still be utilized when providing personal care.
  - \* When in the community and participating in activities, please take into consideration individual risk factors and adjust accordingly. For example, do you need to go to the mall during the busiest time, or can you go when there is less people and you are able to distance.
- PPE: (When not in isolation or quarantine)**
- o Masks are still required at all times when in the home
  - o Masks are no longer required in the community.
  - o Gowns and shields are no longer required (except when in isolation). \*Staff may choose to wear these at their discretion
- PPE: (When in isolation or quarantine due to individual being symptomatic and/or testing positive for COVID)**
- o N95/KN95 masks are required when in isolation situations
  - o Gowns and Shields are required
- Training will be opened up to in person. Class sizes will be based on room size and ability to safely distance as appropriate. Masks are required for in person training.
  - Staff Meetings can be held in person. Best practices will be observed such as distancing where possible, wearing masks, no open food/eating.
  - Visitors: No restrictions on number of visitors.
  - Indoor gatherings are permitted with no limits on cohorts. Please be mindful of individual risk factors.
  - Meal Times: Due to mealtimes being a high risk situation, individuals are still required to eat separately. Staff must also eat on their own, separate from others.
  - Enhanced Cleaning Protocols (with an approved anti-viral cleaner such as Lysol) will remain in place with high touch surfaces being cleaned at least once daily. Spray-9 is no longer required.
  - Vehicles: There will no longer be restrictions on the number of individuals in a vehicle, or where the individual sits, unless there is an individual specific restriction in place.
  - Daily temperature screening for staff will no longer be required. However, screening questions re: contacts will still be required prior to shift. **(see revised screening checklist)**
  - Daily temperature screening for individuals will no longer be required. However, should an individual present with symptoms, their temperature should be checked as normal.
  - Proprietor relief is permitted. No restrictions on the number of approved relief providers.
  - Grocery shopping:
    - o Completed on-line for individuals with public trustees
    - o No restrictions for individuals with private trustees
  - Mail and supply pick ups will still be limited to one day per week (Wednesdays)
  - Isolations (Individual & Home): Will be based on AHS Health order Guidelines.
    - o Prevention kits will remain in the home so necessary supplies and PPE is available ta all times
  - Rapid testing:
    - o Individuals:
      - Individuals may be rapid tested when symptomatic, if deemed a close contact and/or with gaurdian consent.
      - Individuals who are unvaccinated and are returning from an overnight absence from the home may be rapid tested, with Guardian consent.
      - Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will not be required to rapid test for at least 21 days to avoid a potential false positive.
    - o Staff:
      - Staff who are deemed a potential close contact, but are asymptomatic, will be asked to rapid test on days 1, 3 and 5. (not mandatory)
      - Returning to work: Staff must have **no fever** (without use of medication) and symptoms must be **improved and no new symptoms of COVID-19**.
  - Relax Crew will re-open with activity sizes based on room size, type of activity, and ability to safely distance. Enhanced protocols such as masking is stil required by staff.