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**LIVING with**  
**COVID-19** (Issue No. 8-2022)

### Latest Updates from WA Government:

- People aged 65 years and older are eligible to receive **free** government-funded influenza vaccinations. **Note:** the vaccine is free however you may be charged a consultation fee. Check costs when making an appointment.
- For best protection against influenza, people aged 65 years and over are strongly advised to get the influenza vaccine every year. After vaccination it can take up to two weeks to develop protection.
- Based on the most recent medical advice, you can receive the influenza vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine at the same time, if required.
- The government allows critical workers who are close contacts of a COVID-19 case and do not have symptoms to leave isolation to go to work, in limited circumstances and for a limited period of time.

### What Chung Wah Community Care is doing:

- Mask wearing and temperature checks remain at Balcatta Hub, Northbridge Hub and Willetton Hub.
- Hub drivers for shared transport must record each client's temperature before the client enters the vehicle. Clients with one-on-one transportation will have their temperature checked before entering the hub.
- Closely monitor the overall wellbeing of all staff, volunteers and clients/participants and provide relevant guidelines if there is a COVID related situation.
- Full PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) are made available for support workers when needed while performing services.
- It is our company policy to have COVID booster mandatory to all support worker, staff and volunteer when eligible.
- As critical worker:
  - ✓ Staff must be fully vaccinated, including a booster dose.
  - ✓ Be asymptomatic, and actively monitor for symptoms and cease attending work if symptoms develop,
  - ✓ Report a daily negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) prior to attending or on arrival at the workplace,
  - ✓ Wear a surgical mask to work and outside your home, and travel alone, if possible,
  - ✓ Maintain social distancing in the workplace where possible,
  - ✓ Travel alone to work where possible, avoiding public transport and ride-share,
  - ✓ Isolate when not at work

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## **How you can help to prevent the spread of coronavirus:**

- All client, participant and family are encouraged to have COVID booster and flu vaccination when eligible.
- Wear a mask while receiving service or out in the community.
- Stay home if you are unwell and inform your Case Coordinator.
- Respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette: cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard the tissue immediately, or cough/sneeze into the bend of your elbow, perform hand hygiene.
- Inform your Case Coordinator if you or your household are symptomatic, in close contact and in isolation, or you have been tested COVID positive.
- Let your Case Coordinator know if you do not want to have critical worker providing service to you or your family.