

Supporting Nurses Back into Practice

Dear Members of the CARE Centre Community,

Hope you are enjoying a safe and nice summer.

CARE Centre will be providing service in a hybrid mode starting Monday, September 12. We will continue our online support to our clients and in-person services by appointment. We can't wait to meet you once again after more than two years since we closed our offices on March 14, 2020, as a result of the COVID pandemic.

Health and safety continue to be a top priority in our service planning. We will continue to follow the latest COVID-19 safety guidance from public health and the Ontario government to guide our decisions.

CARE Centre partners where we have our offices in Toronto, Peel, Hamilton, Niagara, London, Kingston and Windsor will continue to have their own COVID policies and protocols and these need to be followed by staff, clients and community members who attend these locations.

We encourage everyone to be fully vaccinated, to wear masks and wash their hands when you are onsite at any of our offices. Free masks and hand sanitizers are available, and we encourage our community to wear a mask indoors, especially in our offices, classrooms, hallways or closed workspaces.

If you are feeling unwell, stay home. We encourage you to use the <u>provincial self-assessment screening</u> tool if you or someone you live with has symptoms or tests positive for COVID.

CARE Centre has successfully provided online services and established many valued partnerships with employers and other stakeholders over the last two and half years, and we are confident that we'll continue to do so as our hybrid model of service delivery unfolds.

As evidenced by the historic numbers of IENs entering the Canadian workforce as regulated professionals in the past two years, we thank you for all your contributions to making the IEN journey of integration a success.

Sincerely,

The CARE Centre Team