Covid-19 Vaccination Policy – Effective January 17, 2022

Dear RMH Family,

As we continue to provide essential service to families alongside our hospital and medical partners and do everything we can to ensure the safety and well-being of those staying, visiting and working at Ronald McDonald House, we are making a change to our admission requirements effective January 17, 2022.

Beginning January 17th, 2022, everyone five years and older who are working, staying, or visiting our facilities (both the House at 4657 Heather St, Vancouver and at the Family Room in Surrey Memorial Hospital) must show proof of full vaccination (two doses), in addition to completing our existing screening, unless an Accommodation has been sought and has been explicitly approved and granted by RMH BC in writing.

Timeline:

January 17th, 2022 – RMH BC Vaccine Mandate begins

January 31, 2022 – Grace period ends for families already in the House/Family Room, minimum one dose complete.

Please visit our front desk to scan your BC vaccination passport, confirming proof of vaccination or provide the vaccination card for those under 12 years of age. Should you require assistance booking your Covid-19 vaccine, please see the attached flyer with information about the Family Immunization Clinic at BC Children's Hospital.

Ronald McDonald House BC & Yukon (“RMHBC”) is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all its Family guests, Workers, Visitors and Volunteers in accordance with the applicable occupational health and safety legislation and public health guidelines. RMHBC recognizes and acts upon its responsibility to maintain a safe and healthy environment including taking every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect the health and safety of individuals attending at an RMHBC Facility, particularly given the vulnerable populations served by RMHBC and the significant risk of transmission of communicable diseases in our congregate living settings. As part of this commitment, RMHBC adopts this COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (this “Policy”) to reduce the risk of infection and transmission of the COVID-19 virus and severity of infection, which in turn:

i) makes RMHBC Facilities healthier and safer for Family guests, Workers, Visitors and Volunteers; and

ii) supports and protects the health and safety of our local and global community as well as our operations.

As a further demonstration of this commitment and responsibility, RMHBC wholly endorses all applicable public health measures aimed at protecting our community at large from the COVID-19 virus, including the belief that all individuals who are eligible to receive a vaccine should become and remain Fully Vaccinated as directed by the applicable public health authorities.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this change, please connect with me directly at 604-736-2957, extension 2149.

Sincerely,

Leslie Louie

Senior Director, Family Services
Covid Passport Scanning

We will begin the scanning process on Wednesday January 12th in the Quiet Room.

Wednesday January 12th 10-5pm
Thursday January 13th 10-5pm
Friday January 14th 10-5pm

Please bring your BC Vaccination Passport to confirm proof of vaccination or the vaccination card – for those under 12 years of age. For families from outside BC please bring your home province equivalent.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this change please contact Leslie Louie Senior Director, Family Services at 604-736-2957 Extension 2149