

Mobile Outreach Harm Reduction (MOVID) Information Sheet

Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

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Shelter, Support and Housing Administration (SSHA) and Toronto Public Health (TPH) are committed to working with its partners to provide harm reduction support to clients in the shelter system, including locations that may be experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak.

What is MOVID?

MOVID is a mobile harm reduction peer support team managed by Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (PQWCHC) and The Neighbourhood Group (TNG) that will support clients in isolation during outbreaks and provide enhanced harm reduction services.

What Supports are Available?

MOVID's peer support team provides harm reduction and isolation support for program residents including:

- Harm reduction education, supplies and supports to clients required to self-isolate
- Socio-recreational programming
- Harm reduction education and health information for community members and staff, relating to drug use, alcohol consumption and sexual practices
- Workshops and training on overdose assessment and response for community members and staff
- Advocacy and resource connection, to assist community members who seek addictions medicine including Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) and safer drug supply
- Low barrier provision of harm reduction supplies with an effort to decrease surveillance of people using drugs on site
- Advanced overdose response tools for interventions on site, commonly used in supervised consumption sites
- De-escalation and socio-emotional support for people enduring negative side effects of substance use or withdrawal

COVID-19 Outbreaks in Homelessness Congregate Living Settings

If Toronto Public Health declares your location is in an outbreak, you may be contacted by the MOVID Supervisor or the SSHA-Harm Reduction Coordinator. They may schedule a time to come on-site the next day and assess the harm reduction needs of the clients and the required supports. They will consult with the site Supervisor and/or Manager and discuss the harm reduction plan for your site. The goal is to work collaboratively to ensure clients remain in isolation while providing harm reduction support.

Contact Information

- The lead contact for MOVID is Greg Rosebrugh, MOVID Supervisor with PQWCHC. Contact Greg at 647-388-8013 or by emailing grosebrugh@pqwchc.ca.
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