

The current flu season, along with the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), reinforces the importance of keeping a clean, safe, and healthy environment for all. Our experience and training affords us the ability to promote and follow safe practices for infection prevention.

Sensity works very closely with and follows the direction of Brant County Health Unit, Public Health Agency of Canada and World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Our preventive recommendations during the current COVID-19 situation are similar to our recommendations during a regular flu season:

- Encourage sick employees to stay home.
- During this time Sensity will be enforcing a “No Handshake” rule. Alternate forms of greetings can be a fist bump instead of a handshake, nodding gesture or tap elbows together.
- Reinforce good hand hygiene practices by all employees.
- We have increased hand-washing signage in our washrooms, programs and common areas and have added hand sanitizer stations in additional areas of the building.

Additional measures with COVID-19 include:

- Conduct screening questions on members of the public entering our buildings
- Encourage family members of persons served, or visitors exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath) or influenza, to refrain from visiting their loved ones until they are symptom free for 14 days.

While the risk of widespread COVID-19 remains low in the Brant area, Sensity has taken steps to ensure preparedness by:

- Reviewing and updating our Pandemic Plan
- Ensuring a good supply of required equipment and cleaning agents
- Requesting that visits to Sensity premises be reduced to only those essential
- Screening visitors for symptoms.

At this time there are no known cases of COVID-19 in the Brantford and Brant County area. If this changes we will adjust our plans and introduce further measures as required.

We will continue to provide updates as we receive additional information and guidance from Health Canada and others.