



TO: Cystic Fibrosis Canada Chapter Presidents and Employees; Trustees; Adult CF Committee Members

FROM: Maureen Adamson, Chief Executive Officer

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RE: Infection Control Implications Update

We have received a number of questions regarding the implementation practices of the revised infection control policy. As such, Cystic Fibrosis Canada is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, October 19 (English) and on Wednesday, October 26 (French) to clarify the health risks associated with transmissible bacteria (which provided the rationale for the policy change) and the implications of the new policy/guidelines for various activities (chapter meetings, fundraisers, etc.).

Further to this webinar, below are the key messages regarding the policy that we would like to reinforce:

- Cystic Fibrosis Canada endorses the policy as written
- The health of persons with CF remains our number one priority
- Persons with CF will continue to be invited to Cystic Fibrosis Canada events meetings and must be made aware of our current policy
- As always, the onus is on individuals to comply with the policy
- If individuals with CF choose to attend an indoor Cystic Fibrosis Canada meeting or event despite the policy, they do so at their own risk and must be aware that other persons with CF that carry transmissible bacteria such as *B. cepacia* may also be present
- If persons with CF choose to attend events or meetings where costs of travel/accommodation are covered, then current reimbursement practices will apply
- Cystic Fibrosis Canada will provide alternative formats to in-person participation in its meetings and events for individuals with CF (options may vary depending on the event/meeting)

Infection control policies can only be effective if they are communicated and adhered to by our community. We encourage our chapters to include the revised policy in their communications to their membership and we ask that individuals with CF follow the policy accordingly. Click [here](#) to register for the upcoming webinar!

Thank you