



*Everyone needs a home*  
HFS Health Standards Policy

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The purpose of this policy is to outline the measures Homes First will take to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of communicable diseases.

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, and clients of Homes First.

### **Policy:**

Homes First is committed to ensuring the health and safety of its staff, volunteers, and residents.

Homes First will take all reasonable measures to prevent the spread of infection and communicable diseases.

Homes First will provide any materials and equipment that is reasonable to protect staff, volunteers, and clients. The agency will provide any training required to ensure the proper use of all materials and equipment provided.

Homes First recognizes the importance of training to prevent the spread of infection and communicable diseases. The agency will provide, at a minimum, all training required by Toronto Shelter Standards, Toronto Public Health, and any other relevant legislation.

Homes First will make Toronto Public Health information available and recommend staff, volunteers, and clients visit health care professionals.

Homes First will work in consultation with Toronto Public Health as is necessary for the prevention, screening, and reporting of communicable diseases and in the case of suspected or confirmed cases or outbreaks.

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- As per Toronto Shelter Standards, 2016: Section 11.1(a).
  - Created on March 29, 2017.
  - Approved by HFS Governance and Nominating Committee on April 12, 2017; to be reviewed in 2022.
  - Approved by HFS Board of Directors on April 26, 2017.
  - The Policy applies to all of Homes First.