

# Physical Distancing in Shelters and Respite

## Dining Areas

Where food service cannot be accommodated in a client's own room, and must be served in a dining area:

- ✓ Limit the number of clients eating in a dining space at any given time
- ✓ Consider staggered mealtimes
- ✓ Place dining room chairs 2m apart from each other where possible
- ✓ Practice appropriate food handling techniques to avoid cross contamination
- ✓ Suspend all self-serve food options
- ✓ Plate and serve food while maintaining a distance of 2m
- ✓ Tape or mark the floor of food service lines to show 2m of spacing between clients queued for meal service



## General Tips

- ✓ Cancel any group programming with more than 5 participants, or any activity that does not support 2m physical distancing between participants, including all children's programming
- ✓ Ensure Public Health resources are posted, including "Physical Distancing" posters
- ✓ Greet others with a wave, or a nod; instead of handshakes or hugs
- ✓ Use furniture to promote distancing (e.g. push tables together to create 2m distance) to widen the amount of space between clients

