

CIRCULAR

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To: Community Care Providers, CFS Authorities

Subject: Information on COVID-19

Program(s): All

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 Procedure Information Only

Effective Date Immediately

Topic: Notification of changes to programs or services

The COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak continues to evolve rapidly and we want to stay informed about how it is affecting your agency and the services it provides to Manitobans.

Please use the attached form to notify us of changes to programs or services as a result of COVID-19. Please report on:

- confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 involving staff, program participants or family members of staff/participants. Presumptive cases have received a positive test result from the provincial laboratory while confirmed cases have received positive test results from both the provincial and the national laboratories.
- significant changes to the services that your agency offers (e.g., moving to phone interviews instead of in-person service).
- any special measures your agency is taking to safeguard staff and clients.

It is important that essential services continue to be delivered safely for both staff and participants by using social distancing and following other recommendations made by public health officials.

When completed, please send this form to cfs-incidentreporting@gov.mb.ca.

We appreciate the important work your agency is doing in partnership with the department to provide services to Manitobans. The department will continue to work with you to stay informed and supported at this challenging time.

For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, including helpful information for citizens, services providers and employers, please regularly visit the Manitoba government's website at: www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

Sarah Thiele
Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services

Attachment