

**CIRCULAR**

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**To:** Authorities, CFS agencies, and CRAU staff

**Subject: Information Pertaining to COVID-19**

**Program(s): Criminal Risk Assessment Unit**

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**Topic: Criminal Risk Assessment Operations**

At this time, the Criminal Risk Assessment Unit (CRAU) is remaining operational to support the critical operations of child welfare. Please be advised that this may change as the situation pertaining to COVID-19 evolves. The CRAU is tightening the parameters when a Risk Assessment will be completed.

Effective immediately the CRAU will only process applications for urgent Places of Safety to support quick and timely responses in these situations to ensure the placement is safe.

Should you require emergency information, please contact your local law enforcement detachment for assistance. *The Child and Family Services Act* allows for information sharing when the matter involves the protection, safety, and well-being of a child or when Child and Family Services is conducting an abuse or protection investigation.

The health and safety of the CRAU staff is also important. CRAU is deemed a non-essential service, so as the COVID-19 situation evolves, hours and operations may change. We will keep you updated if this occurs.

Regularly updated information on COVID-19 can be found at [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19).

If you have any other questions, please contact your organization or agency and seek guidance.

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