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**To:** Child and Family Services Authorities, CFS branch staff

**Subject:** **New public health orders exclude services to children in care**

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**Topic: No change to social services under new public health orders**

Today, the Manitoba government released a public health order on restricting operations of non-critical businesses to protect the health and safety of Manitobans.

Please be advised that the new order that limits public gatherings to no more than 10 people specifically **excludes** child care and social services. This means that the order does not apply to Child and Family Services agencies, group homes and other care providers. The new public health orders have been issued by the chief provincial public health officer under the [The Public Health Act](#).

For more information on the new public health orders, please review the Manitoba government [news release](#).

If you have any questions, please email [cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca) or call Manitoba Government Inquiry at 204-945-3744 or toll free 1-866-MANITOBA (1-866-626-4862).

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