



# FORT FRANCES TRIBAL AREA HEALTH SERVICES INC.

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**TO:** Health Directors & Chiefs  
**FROM:** Ashlee Grimard, Director of Health Services/Acting CEO  
**DATE:** March 15, 2020

**RE:** **COVID-19 Essential Services**

Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services has continued to monitor COVID-19 and ensure a proactive and coordinated response from a public health and organizational perspective. Our priority remains the health and wellbeing of community members and our employees.

FFTAHS has designated **Essential** and **Non-Essential** services. Effective **March 16, 2020** all locations will be closed to visitors/clients and only essential service staff will be on-site.

The following services are **Non-Essential** and will be suspended until further notice:

- Mental Health Counselling
- Waasodii Omii'e & all After Care programming
- Residential Treatment
- Foot Care & Diabetes Education
- Children's Oral Health Initiative
- Child's First Initiative

The following services are **Essential** and will continue with heightened surveillance and monitoring:

- Home & Community Care
- Withdrawal Management Services
- Mental Health Crisis
- Community Health

**All community visits for essential services will be suspended however with the exception of urgent care requirements.** In these cases, screening procedures will be implemented to protect both community members and FFTAHS employees.

FFTAHS will continue to deliver up to date health information by phone and email. 274-2042 will be active and support staff will be on hand.

FFTAHS will continue to review these measures and update communication if any changes are implemented.

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