



Anishinaabe Abinoojii Family Services

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Dear Board, Families, and Communities

RE: COVID-19 Extended Closure

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and evolving precautionary measures taking place in our service area, Anishinaabe Abinoojii Family Services offices will remain closed until July 1, 2020 and plan to reopen on July 2, by which time the situation will be assessed again. This is to ensure the health and safety of our clients, staff, and communities. We made this decision as we observe the gradual reopening of businesses and facilities in Ontario and will continue to monitor Ontario's Framework for Reopening the Province.

AAFS will continue to provide essential services using the following measures:

- AAFS staff will work remotely from home and will be available by email. Reception will be available at the office to redirect calls and take messages during regular working hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) and can be reached at: 807-468-6224
- On-call services will be available afterhours (4:30 pm – 8:30 am), on weekends, and on Statutory Holidays and can be accessed by calling: 1-866-420-9990
- Niigonikaapaawitang Nanadamowin Counselling Services will be available and can be accessed by calling the Resource Manager at: 807-407-3338
- All payments will continue without interruption and mail will be checked
- All non-essential face-to-face contacts including family visits, therapy appointments and home visits will be postponed until further notice
- All non-essential and non-medical out of district travel will be postponed until further notice
- All training, workshops and forums will be postponed until further notice
- All calls that require a field visit will be assessed based on urgency (children in danger will be seen immediately)

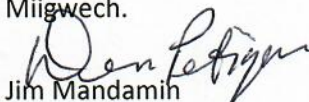
We recognize that this is an evolving situation and reserve the right to alter AAFS precautionary measures as required. We will continue to pay close attention to First Nation, local, provincial, and national developments. We appreciate your understanding and patience.

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