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DATE: 4/7/2020 **TO:** WIN Families
FROM: Greg **SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Update
RESPOND: No **KEEP TILL:** 06/01/2020

Like all of you I'm trying to follow the ever-changing safety steps, absorb the information that's flooding in while trying to remember to keep in touch with everyone.

- No staff or individual with WIN has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and we're doing everything we can do to keep it this way.
- As of this morning we had a total of 23 staff out for various reasons. It's a moving target as some are soon returning while others appear to be longer term.
- The most recent Health order introduced new conditions; no visitors at all and a Health Assessment (questions and temperature check) whenever staff and individuals enter and re-enter the home. We're putting together a Quick Reference Guide as a one-page list of steps for staff to best follow these requirements,
- Staff are being restricted to work in no more than two homes and that's likely to soon change to only one home,
- People are coming up with all kinds of creative and crazy ways to keep people healthy but happy too.
- A reminder to visit the [We Miss You](#) section of WIN's webpage. We'd love to post pictures of what folks are up to so send them to karenw@win-ab.org
- We're set up to work remotely and the office is closed with phone calls being forwarded.
- Lots and lots of video conference meetings – Zoom seems to work the best.
- I was able to participate in on two provincial conference calls with over 300 participants. In both cases Dr. Deena Hinshaw was available for direct questions. I was lucky enough to get to ask specific questions on both calls and I also took rough notes of other relevant questions.

WIN's Board is meeting every two weeks (or sooner if needed) and they receive all updates,

Daily meetings with our Planning Team; Michelle, Karen, Lana, Raya and Lana,

Monthly meetings with the two PDD ADMs (assistant deputy ministers – I didn't know it either)

Bi-monthly meetings with the rest of the agencies in the North East Region.

All these meetings are opportunities to learn what works best for others and try to keep pointed in the right direction,

- In case you didn't know a Barrhead sewing group "Stitchers and Rippers" made and donated 126 masks for WIN, Independent Grocers removed their grocery delivery charge for everyone,
- Michelle is tracking down supplies but needs to only be working at home. Raya continues to make the schedule work somehow. Karen keeps our webpage and private Facebook going among other things. Lana is coordinating the calls to families and making calls too.
- None of us are really working alone and what the rest of us do in the background means nothing without all of you doing what matters the most. One of the many lessons we have to remember after life settles down.

Sorry for any repeats or misses in this late-night memo.