



Notice to Community & Clientele Regarding COVID-19

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Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle (NASC) is working to ensure that the health and safety of Clientele and Staff at NASC remains our top priority during the global COVID-19 pandemic. As such, NASC Circle of Directors would like to advise our community members and partners of the following preventative health and screening measures developed through recommendations by Peterborough Public Health and the World Health Organization, which are effective as of Monday March 16th, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice from the NASC Circle of Directors:

- All face to face group programming is now cancelled at NASC.
- There will be no home visits by NASC staff.
- Staff will conduct one on one appointments with clients via telephone or video conferencing software.
- Only those clients with extenuating circumstances and who have pre-scheduled appointments will be permitted entry to NASC.
- All Staff and Clientele are expected to wash their hands upon entry to NASC.
- All Staff must wash their hands prior to meeting with each client.
- All Staff are expected to practice social distancing (1m separation) from clients as well as each other.
- Upon arrival, Clientele will be required to answer a series of pre-screening questions to identify if the client is presenting any symptoms of COVID-19. Under the rare circumstance that a client is presenting symptoms, the client will be assisted by NASC staff in contacting Peterborough Public Health.
- Only those clients which pass the screening process will be permitted entry to NASC.
- All surfaces (I.e. Desks, Tables, etc..) and objects (I.e. Telephones, Keyboards, door handles, etc..) which may promote the spread of COVID-19 will be sanitized by the NASC/KSAC COVID-19 Task Force with a diluted solution of 10% bleach and water twice per work day.

Please note that due to the complexity of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the above protocols may change with little notice to the public. All clientele of NASC can stay up to date on current protocols via our website (www.nijki.com) or Facebook page.

NASC Circle of Directors would like to extend our gratitude to you and your family for your support in ensuring that NASC remains a safe and healthy place for Anishnaabekwewag and their families to access support services.

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More Information Regarding COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe and include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing (shortness of breath). Complications from the COVID-19 can include serious conditions, like pneumonia or kidney failure, and in some cases, death.

IMPORTANT: If you suspect you have symptoms of COVID-19 and have recently travelled, contact Peterborough Public Health at 705-743-1000, ext. 401 or covid19@peterboroughpublichealth.ca Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., or Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For medical advice after these hours, contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 (TTY 1-866-797-0007). Be sure to mention your symptoms and your travel history, including the countries you visited.

If you are ill and must visit a health care professional, call ahead and tell them that you have a respiratory illness. If you need immediate medical attention, call 911 and mention your travel history and symptoms.

Visit www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca to learn more about COVID-19 and how you can prepare. Future positive cases of COVID-19 will be reported on www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca as well.

Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.