

COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Children's disABILITY Services – COVID-19 bulletin July 2020

Children's disABILITY Services (CDS) remains available to support Manitobans with disabilities and their families throughout and following the COVID-19 pandemic. As Manitoba continues to restore services, CDS is following public health guidelines to safely provide services to your family.

Connecting with CDS

CDS staff remain available to support your family by telephone and email. Community Services Workers (CSW) can now receive phone calls and emails while working out of the office, making it easier to connect with them to discuss your family's needs.

For help finding the phone number of CDS staff or if you are having difficulty reaching your CSW, please contact your [regional office](#) for assistance.

Restoring in-person visits

CDS is resuming in-person visits with families to provide case management, early intervention child development and autism services. For everyone's health and safety, staff will ask screening questions before each meeting, physical distance where possible, and may also wear personal protective equipment during the visit. Remote visits by telephone or virtual meetings are still offered for families preferring these methods, or where they are necessary for health reasons.

Community agencies and service providers are also planning to restore in-person services. Please contact them directly to find out more on how this will affect you family.

EngageMB

The *Manitoba disABILITY Community* webpage on EngageMB allows Manitobans to access information and give feedback on disability-related issues. For more information, please visit: <https://engagemb.ca/manitoba-disability-community>.

Child care during COVID-19

Beginning August 31, licensed child care is returning to its pre-pandemic normal. Families who had regular child care before the pandemic should connect with their provider to confirm their plans for child care into the fall.

For more information on child care, contact Early Learning and Child Care at 204-945-0776, 1-888-213-4754 (toll free), 204-945-3724 (TTY), or cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca.

Mental health and wellness support

Your family's mental health and wellness is critical during this time. Many helpful supports available in your community can be found at: www.manitoba.ca/COVID-19/bewell/. Your CSW may also help find supports in your region.

COVID-19 information

Visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID-19 for up-to-date information on COVID-19, including financial and social supports for Manitobans as well as Manitoba's plans for restoring services.

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