

POSTPONEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS RELATING TO COVID-19

In light of health concerns related to the coronavirus outbreak, the Manitoba College of Social Workers has taken the precautionary measure to postpone the Social Work Week Member Appreciation Reception scheduled for March 17, 2020 to a date to be announced.

Members are encouraged to review the Manitoba Health and Health Canada websites for accurate and up-to-date information regarding the coronavirus. The College endorses recommendations made by Manitoba Health and Health Canada to provide guidance for members in their practice.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/index.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

The College acknowledges all social workers supporting those affected by COVID-19. Many resources have been developed relating to key mental health and psychosocial support considerations. We encourage members to review these documents for guidance:

https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/mental-health-considerations.pdf?sfvrsn=6d3578af_2

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/briefing-note-covid-and-mental-health.pdf>

The Canadian Association of Social Workers has also gathered multiple resources related to the coronavirus for social workers across Canada:

<https://www.casw-acts.ca/en/resources/government-canada-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-resources>

The impact of coronavirus is on the minds of people all over the world and this is a critical and stressful time for those providing front-line services and for those developing and managing programs and policies to respond to this pandemic. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of social workers across the province leading and supporting others through this difficult time.

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