March 16, 2020

Re: Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

To all families and Members,

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is having a significant impact on all Canadians.

We want to let you know what VITA is doing to respond to the virus:

SERVICES:

- All VITA Community Participation Programs have been closed, effective, Monday, March 16, 2020 until April 6, 2020
- Non-Essential visits have been put on hold between Monday March 16, 2020 and Monday April 6, 2020.
- All large gatherings, such as trainings and workshops have been postponed for the same period.
- Respite program have been cancelled.
- Safe Bed program will be limited.

SUPPLIES:

- We are focused on ensuring there is sufficient amount of supplies for the use in our programs. Our residential homes have essential hygiene products, cleaning agents and groceries.
- Additional supplies will be stored at a central location and monitored for optimal and effective distribution.
MEMBER SUPPORT

- The closure of our day services will impact daily life for many of our members.
- To minimize the impact of community restrictions, VITA staff are organizing activities based on the interest of our members.
- Meeting member needs safely remains VITA’s priority

COVID-19 PROTOCOL:

- VITA will continue to follow recommendations set out by Public Health and the Government of Canada.
- VITA pandemic planning has been implemented.

As this situation continues to evolve, we will continue to share regular updates with you.

Sincerely,

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