

CIRCULAR

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To: CFS Authorities, CFS agencies, CYSD staff

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Topic: Child Abuse Committee Regulations and Practice Change

Updated practice guidelines for Child Abuse Committee (CAC) requirements are attached, which are based on current recommendations from public health officials related to social distancing and slowing the spread of COVID-19.

CAC referrals and meetings are required under regulations, so referrals should continue within 30 days whenever possible.

CAC meetings should be postponed for 60 days. Minutes should reflect the meeting deferrals, noting the inability to meet quorum. This includes deferring Notice of Opportunities and voting.

CFS agencies are advised that Child Abuse Registry Checks and Prior Contact Checks should continue to be submitted for processing. The Registrar continues to be available should staff need to obtain information about someone on the registry.

Regularly updated information on COVID-19 can be found at www.manitoba.ca/covid19.

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Attachment