June 22, 2020

Dear Full Time Attendance Program Service Provider:

On April 6, 2020, you received a letter outlining direction and enhanced precautions related to COVID 19 and in-person visits for youth in Full Time Attendance Programs. FTAPs were directed to utilize virtual tools (Skype, phone) to facilitate visits with family or others for youth while at the FTAP. Exceptions to this could be considered in consultation with the youth’s care team and the FTAP contract manager.

Considering current direction and advice from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), the direction regarding visits now can be made at the case management level. Decision for in-person visits, where it is deemed to be in the youth’s best interest, can now be made by the youth’s case manager (Youth Probation Officer) in consultation with their Team Leader. Decisions will be made with input from FTAP staff and any others involved in the youth’s supervision and care such as Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services and Social workers.

The following principles from the Provincial Health Officer guide planning for in-person connections for youth and their families.

- Staying informed, being prepared and following public health advice.
- Staying home when sick, i.e. do not attend a visit if you have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Practicing good hygiene – hand hygiene, avoid touching your face and respiratory etiquette.
- No handshaking or hugs outside of your family or those you live with.
- Maintaining physical distancing outside your family or those you live with (i.e. small numbers of contacts and keeping a safe distance).
- Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces at home and work.
Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to and support for youth in your FTAP program. As always, please connect with your contract manager at any time for any reason if you need support for yourself, your staff, caregivers or the youth in your program.

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