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Dear Post-Secondary Partners and Practicum Students,

The Ministry of Children and Family Development continues to proactively respond to COVID-19 to ensure the health and wellbeing of children, youth, families, staff, and practicum students while continuing to provide vital services. To that end, we have made the difficult decision to **postpone spring/summer practicum** placements to the fall term. This applies to all MCFD practicums including Child Welfare Specialization and Child and Youth Mental Health practicums. Students already accepted for spring practicums will be prioritized for fall placements.

This decision reflects careful consideration of the capacity of our staff at this time to provide equitable, safe, and consistent supervision of practicum students, and the advice of the Provincial Health Officer to maintain physical distancing measures.

Given the exceptional circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and the uncertainties it is causing, we thank you for your understanding and support in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of staff, practicum students, and the children, youth, and families served by MCFD.

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