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Hello all,

As many of you are aware this has already been a week of difficult decisions about how we can respond effectively and compassionately to the COVID-19 health crisis facing our province . At BCSS and ACE we have been working to balance the risks/harms of reducing or removing food services and social supports with the risks of having crowded spaces full of vulnerable populations during a potential outbreak in our community. We have made the difficult decision to close our offices and ACE activity centre to all clients as of Friday March 20 at 4:00pm for a period of 2 weeks minimum (March 21- April 5, 2020). We will do our best to keep everyone updated as to our plans going forward.

For the weeks of March 23-27, 2020 and March 30-April 3, 2020 we will have limited staff on site from 9:00am - 12:00pm to connect individuals with services and supports by telephone should they need extra support (s). We will not be providing ANY Food services during this two week closure. Clients can call 250-564-3396 to speak to the staff for information about supports and service available for mental health & food services in the community.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this rapidly changing situation. Please share this information widely. Please also feel free to reach out to us to inform us of any resources, services and supports within our community that you feel may be relevant for us to share with our clients and their families.

Please be safe and well.

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