

COVID-19 EMERGING TRENDS AND UNMET NEEDS

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Below, you'll find a compendium of what we know so far of IMPACTS collective member's vital responses to the COVID19 pandemic to support the people and communities they serve. The document highlights domestic and sexual violence related programs and services available during the pandemic across Alberta and emerging trends and needs across the sector. As the situation is ongoing, the document will be uploaded weekly.

For more information & services call 2-1-1 or visit <https://www.ab.211.ca/>

EMERGING AGENCY NEEDS SUMMARY:

- Technological resources and support
- Stable Funding to relocate clients if they need self-isolation, accommodate increased shelter requests and for stability of services
- Personal Protection Equipment (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer) & Cleaning Supplies
- Accessing up to date information on a variety of issues and on how to proceed
- Navigating supporting victims of Domestic Violence and keeping individuals safe amidst isolation
- Ability to continue offering in-person and emergency services safely
- General Staff shortages & lack of enough counselors/ therapists for demand
- Training for Remote and online therapeutic intervention
- Women's Hygiene Products

EMERGING COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMARY:

- Financial Aid for those that do not qualify for other subsidies
- Capacity to support clients isolated in abusive situations that do not have access to shelters, phone or internet
- Interpretation and language services for families to understand domestic violence & support children's home learning.
- Communicable Disease control
- Timely access to financial support and health information
- Staying connected while staying safe
- Counseling supports for individuals without a stable home or home is unsafe
- Provide services and a safe place to go outside of shelters
- Availability to be tested for COVID-19
- Shortage of space in shelters
- Community support for individuals who cannot get groceries alone
- Food bank shortages and donations of necessities

EMERGING AREAS OF CONCERN:

- Spike in Domestic Violence Clients that is expected to increase.
- Increased crime in the community (stolen cars & business break-ins)
- Parents unable to support child's distance learning due to lack of technology, language of instruction, working from home, etc.
- Increased and high rates of anxiety, depression, and loneliness/ isolation related to COVID
- Clients and providers difficulty accessing updated information and maintaining communication
- Inability to access financial support or services without access to phone or internet
- Magnified caregiver strain
- Increased isolation increases risk of abuse and mistreatment of seniors, children, youth
- Increased child and youth exposure to drugs in the home and barriers to childhood mental health services.
- Challenges stocking shelters due to grocery store purchasing limits and shortages in rural areas

COMPLETED VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARNS:

Leading your Team Remotely w/ Tammy Williams

March 25, 2020

44 participants

Leading your Team Remotely w/ Jeff Dick

March 30, 2020

37 participants

Family Law & COVID-19

March 23 2020

73 participants

Family Law & COVID-19

March 31 2020

68 participants

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