

A Note from PICS: Minnesota's Stay-at-Home Order



Hello,

We hope this message finds you well. We wanted to provide you an update on our response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. PICS is continually monitoring this developing situation, including the most recent announcement of Minnesota's Stay-at-Home Executive Order that went into effect on March 27, 2020.

Highlights of Minnesota's Stay-at-Home Executive Order:

- March 25 - Governor Walz announced a stay-at-home order
 - Starts - Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm
 - Ends - Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- During these two weeks, Minnesotans are expected to stay at home
 - Except for when traveling to work that can't be provided remotely, along with certain activities, such as purchasing food and exercising outdoors – while practicing appropriate social distancing.
- The Governor's Executive Order allows for some essential services across Minnesota to continue.
 - Essential services are services essential to maintain the health and safety of an individual.
 - This includes the Direct Support Workers that work for PICS or a Participant utilizing PICS' services.
- Visit the #StayHomeMN [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page
 - This page has great information on what the Governor's Stay-at-Home order means to you.

PICS Updates and Resources:

- For the health and safety of you and our staff, the PICS office will remain closed to the public until additional guidance from local, state and federal agencies.
- Watch the [PICS is Here for You video message](#) from Tory Merhar, Senior Director of PICS, for how to easily manage your services.
- Continue to visit the [PICS COVID-19 update webpage](#) for the latest information on our response to the coronavirus situation.
- Review or create back-up staffing plans to ensure the continuation of care for your loved one.
- Check out our [new fillable timesheet](#) available on our [website](#).
- You can also submit timecards and expenses through our [PICS Online Portal](#) is available 24/7.

For 20 years, PICS' role has been to support Minnesota families. Right now, we realize that much of your work and everyday life may look different than how it has looked in the past. During this time, our priorities around keeping our communities safe and healthy remain the same. Our virtual doors are open, and we will keep you informed of the latest updates as they happen. Keep checking your inbox, our COVID-19 updates page, and our social media channels for more information.

As always, thank you for making PICS your provider of choice.

We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

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