



PICS Takes Precautions on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear PICS Community,

This is the first of several planned updates from Partners in Community Supports (PICS) regarding the evolving impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). PICS is closely monitoring information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as local and state health authorities. We will continue to follow their updated guidance as provided.

Unwavering and without question our top priority is the health and safety of our participants, workers and staff. PICS has adopted the recommended precautionary measures in response to the COVID-19 and encourage all of you to do the same during this time.

PICS Service Continuity Plan:

1. Increasing cleaning and sanitizing efforts at the PICS office
2. Reinforcing preventative hygiene habits
3. Maintaining appropriate social distancing, limiting close contact
4. Asking our staff and visitors of our building to stay home if they are sick
5. Keeping our staff and services fully available to you
6. Enhancing risk monitoring and management

Our focus on being locally responsive, dedicated and continuing to provide extraordinary service has never been more critical. We are committed to monitoring the situation, communicating openly with you and doing anything we can to help. As always, thank you for making PICS your provider of choice.

Sincerely,

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Helpful Coronavirus COVID-19 Resources:

- MN Dept of Health: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/index.html>
- MN Dept of Health Hotline: 651-201-3920
- MN Dept of Health Coronavirus: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>
- MN Dept of Health – COVID-19 Basics (printable): <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1583872007/cadetscom/jntdlqauu0wnf21xqnr/19basics.pdf>
- CDC Centers of Disease Control and Prevention – Coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html>
- Handwashing Hygiene: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/index.html>
- Keeping Workplaces, Homes, Schools and Community Spaces Safe (printable): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf>
- Center for Disability Rights – article for Individuals who utilize at home care workers: <http://cdrnys.org/blog/programs-services/action-steps-for-attendant-service-users-in-response-to-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/>