

# Memo

**To:** First Nation Communities, UNFC, Sunset Country Metis, and Other Partner Organizations

**From:** Shanna Weir – Executive Director

**Cc:** GHAC Board of Directors

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## Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre Update

GHAC continues to be committed to providing our services and supports to our partners and clients during this time. We have continued to offer services through virtual means, telephone and OTN, as much as possible. In-person visits are scheduled on an as-needed basis when deemed necessary through assessment by the staff.

Active screening on the phone and upon entry to the centre continues to occur for all clients, visitors and staff. Temperature checks are part of the screening process for physical entry to the building. We continue to request that everyone phone GHAC for screening and scheduling of a visit.

We have continued to utilize a rotation schedule for staff to minimize the number of staff within the facility. Social distancing and appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment is utilized within the facility to support safety of staff and clients.

We have been developing a training session, to be delivered through Go-to-Meeting for the CHR's, Health Directors, volunteers and our partners around various topics for supporting individuals and their health needs within your community. Staff have developed some short videos on various topics. Following each video there will be a Q&A session with the providers. Topics include: PPE, Taking Blood Pressures, Taking Temperatures, Infection control, Diabetes, and others. Watch your email for the invite and full agenda of topics.

We are working on the development of our reopening plan and what that may look like, as the Province continues to advance its Phased Approach. We are currently planning for OTN based community NP visits in the near future, as well as, community based blood work clinics.

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Information and support is available on Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre's website ([www.gzhac.com](http://www.gzhac.com)), GHAC Facebook page, and by calling our centre (274-3131). Please reach out if you have any questions, concerns or if we can support you or your community/clients in any way. Stay well!

Other websites for information and resources:

[www.fftahs.org](http://www.fftahs.org) (Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services)

[www.gct3.ca](http://www.gct3.ca) (Grand Council Treaty #3)

[www.health.gov.on.ca](http://www.health.gov.on.ca) (Ministry of Health)

[www.canada.ca/en/public-health](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health) (Public Health Agency of Canada)