



MEMORANDUM

To: All Employees of OPTIONS NORTHWEST

From: Anna-Marie Eckensweiler, Executive Director on behalf of Pandemic Team

Date: September 28th, 2020

Re: Messaging from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and Change to fever temperature from 38 to 37.8.
Please put in COVID-19 binders.

Happy Monday everyone

Just wanted to provide you with an update from the Ministry. We have attached correspondence we received last week reminding us of the symptoms of COVID-19 and to continue rigorous routines to fight the virus. As a result of this correspondence and the Thunder Bay Public Health Unit's recommendations, we are updating all the screening tools to reflect a temperature of 37.8 as the temperature to indicate a fever rather than 38 degrees Celsius.

While the change is minor, we are trying to remain consistent in our messaging of what constitutes a fever. A package of new screening forms is being distributed with this updated temperature reflected on them. Any policies that contained fever information are also being updated. Screening forms for the administrative offices will also be updated with this change.

The Ministry's messaging reminds us all to stay safe in our personal lives as what we do in our day to day life also reflects in our work life. We continue to recommend not bringing the individuals we support to public places to mitigate the risk of this virus. We recognize how difficult this has been but appreciate all the efforts and creativity we have seen in the locations to do fun activities in replacement for not being able to go out.

As we enter flu season, we know the days ahead will be challenging to distinguish symptoms from flu in relation to COVID-19. Please continue to report all symptoms to your immediate supervisor of the individuals supported but also yourselves. Stay well and we thank you for your continued efforts to stay healthy.

Anna-Marie Eckensweiler