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Dear Community Members,

I am writing today to give you some updates now that we are allowed to have people in the building. As you are aware, there is a 50-person limit (not including staff) inside of the building and a 100-person limit (not including staff) outside on the Friendship Centre property.

We also require you to sign a **RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**. This release is due to new Insurance guidelines that we have no control over. This Release allows us to be of best service to each and every one of you during this time. This release must be signed by each of you in order to receive services from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. We do apologize for the need for this and are working with Provincial Politicians to have the Insurance Act changed. For now, this is how we can provide services.

With regard to transportation, we have plexiglass installed in 2 of our vehicles and are working to get plexiglass installed in the other vehicles. There is a shortage of plexiglass so we are doing this as soon as the materials are available. Transportation is even more limited due to this limitation.

We ask that you bear with us during this time. We are keeping our hours of operation from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday as we see how infection rates respond to the opening of Phase 3. Virtual programming will continue in the evenings as it has been. In person gatherings will be smaller for the time being.

Finally, there will be a max group size of 20 people in the Gym, 10 people in Courage to Soar, and 8 people in the Youth Lounge. All one-on-one sessions will be held in the nurse's room for now.

Please Note: If you are unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons, alternative arrangements outside of the building will be made. These include virtual visits or porch visits.