



## IRS HEALTH SUPPORT PROGRAM - GITXSAN HEALTH SOCIETY

In compliance with federal and provincial public health authorities and directives, FNHA, and Northern Health Authority re COVID-19, GHS has directed all non-essential employees to work from home.

As per previous notices, all scheduled GHS events have been cancelled and only essential services will continue.

For the IRS-RHSProgram, essential services include emotional and psychological support (counselling), cultural support (advice and guidance on traditional approaches and therapies), and administrative support (assistance with completing forms, etc) to Kispiox, Sikedox and Gitanmaax.

These essential services will be remotely provided from home workstations and the RHSWs are equipped with cellphones, laptops and internet access to ensure that continuing services are provided to our current clients and be accessible to new members who need to connect with our team.

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Most of our clients have personal cell phones, a contact number, and a Facebook account.

There is no need for concern regarding the Indian Day School compensation process. Deadline for applications is July 2022. This may be extended due to the COVID19 pandemic since all scheduled meetings by Gowling have been cancelled and put on hold. We can continue to assist with instructions on the paperwork. Please contact your RHSW for more information.

Thank you for your patience and please stay safe.

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