

March 23rd, 2020

Good evening everyone,

As you all are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit our province and is growing exponentially each day. In light of the most recent information from Public Health, COVID-19 is now spreading at a community level and after a meeting with the Department of Health and Community Services today the CMTNL is STRONGLY advising its registrants to suspend all non-essential services IMMEDIATELY.

Essential service would be for clientele who would be considered urgent and emergency. This does essentially eliminate the vast majority of clients. For a client to be considered for essential, urgent and emergency treatment, they would have to meet the following:

- Essential - absolutely necessary
- Urgent - requiring immediate action or attention
- Emergency - a person with a medical condition requiring immediate treatment

For those who have evaluated your clientele and made the decision to treat, for essential, urgent and emergency clients only, we like to inform you that you are now required to register with the CMTNL. You must register with the Registrar (registrar@cmtnl.ca) by Wednesday March 25th 12:00 p.m.

With information ever changing by public health officials throughout the province, the country and the world, it would be advisable for you to prepare for this recommendation to change to a stop work order in the coming weeks or even days, in order to aid the province's ability and effort to contain the spread of the virus. As a healthcare provider, you are given the right to continue essential service for urgencies and emergencies only and ignoring these recommendations is unsafe and unethical.

As always, the CMTNL will continue to communicate with the registrants in a timely manner, should any changes occur with respect to this recommendation. Please know that if you require any further guidance or information, you can contact us at any time, and we will do our best to provide the necessary guidance.

Stay safe,

Jessica Moore,
CMTNL Chair