



**Ronald McDonald
House Charities®**
Newfoundland & Labrador

March 17, 2020

**Attention: Staff, Volunteers/Board, Families, Visitors, Donors, Programs
Participants**

RE: COVID-19 Update #2

Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 environment and our commitment to the health of our families, staff, volunteers, and supporters, our responsibility also extends to supporting public health efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 through the practice of social-distancing and continuing our practices of standard precautions.

Effective immediately Ronald McDonald House Charities Newfoundland and Labrador is:

Suspending all activities organized by outside organizations within Ronald McDonald House, including Home for Dinner Program and Just Like Nan's Baked Goods Program and other activities, such as pet therapy, arts & crafts, and game nights. Given this announcement, current families are asked to consider their current supply of necessities on hand. While RMHC will make every effort to source donations from the public, families should prepare for no further program opportunities during this period.

We are inviting the public to donate cash, grocery store gift cards and/or nonperishable food items in lieu of visiting Ronald McDonald House.

- Make a donation of any amount to RMHC NL. The average cost of a Home for Dinner Program is \$300. Visit www.RMHCNL.ca/donate

- Make a donation of gift cards. These can be dropped off at Ronald McDonald House or mailed to RMHC NL P.O. Box 28091 St. John's, NL A1B 4J8
- Make arrangements for food delivery from a licenced restaurant. Contact Julie Chaulk, Family Programs & Services Coordinator for details juliechaulk@rmhcnl.ca

Suspending all volunteer engagement and programming within Ronald McDonald House.

Suspending all tours of Ronald McDonald House to outside groups.

Not permitting any visitors

Arranging for donated items and/or deliveries to be dropped off outside of Ronald McDonald House where a staff member may retrieve them.

Conducting board, committee and other meetings involving individuals other than our core team to use technologies that enable conference calling or virtual meetings.

Posting information about safety, hygiene and standard precautions within Ronald McDonald House for children and their families and staff.

Assessing and reviewing our current staffing model to ensure Ronald McDonald House continues to provide services to sick children and the families.

These items are effective immediately until **March 31, 2020** with a further update to be issued **March 27, 2020**. Any questions, please let us know.

Thank you.



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