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**To:** Community Living disABILITY Services  
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**SUBJECT: Planning for the Reopening of Community Living disABILITY Services Day Services**

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As Manitoba continues to reopen the economy and lessen or eliminate COVID-19 prevention orders, many Community Living disABILITY Services (CLDS) participants, their families, support networks and service providers are wondering when day services can resume for participants who would like to return to these services.

The department understands that CLDS participants benefit from day services and the social connections the service provides. The department also recognizes that some CLDS participants are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19 or at higher risk of severe outcomes if they contract the virus than other members of the population. Given these and other important factors, including the daytime support needs of participants, service provider capacity, public health direction and a potential fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Manitoba, careful planning for the reopening of day services needs to occur.

The department is currently planning for a gradual reopening of CLDS day services beginning this fall. In the coming weeks, the department will be engaging with CLDS participants, their support networks and service providers to inform the details of this plan.

In the meantime, CLDS participants who have a critical need for day services can access these services in accordance with [COVID-19 Circular 2021-41 – Partial Reopening of Day Services for CLDS Participants](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rapid Response Team by email at [RRT@gov.mb.ca](mailto:RRT@gov.mb.ca) or by phone at 1-866-906-0901.

In closing, I wish to thank you for your patience and ongoing cooperation as we work towards the reopening of day services across the province.

Sincerely,

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