

# BEENDIGEN SERVICES DURING COVID-19



Anishinabe Women's  
Crisis Home & Family  
Healing Agency

<b>Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home/Motel During COVID-19</b>	
Numbers to Call	Toll Free 1-888-200-9997 - Thunder Bay 807-346-HELP (4357)
When to Call	Crisis Line is available 24/7 to do intake for access to Crisis Home/Motel
Women's Criteria for Access to a Bed	All self-identified women (including two-spirited, cisgender or transgender) 16 years of age and older who experience or are at risk of experiencing violence and/or abuse
Children & Dependents Criteria for Access to a Bed	Dependents include children and family members in the care of the woman seeking shelter services, including male children up to and including 18 years of age
Pets	Pets are not allowed in the Crisis Home or motel but staff will provide numbers to animal shelters and/or recommend the pet stay with a family member or friend during her stay
Transportation	Transportation provided to the Crisis Home and/or motel
Services Provided	Crisis Home - Bedroom with adjoining washroom. And common shower and bathtub rooms Motel – Single room with fridge
	Laundry facilities - Crisis Home – Yes, free Motel - No
	Cook on site who prepares daily meals and snacks for residents in Crisis Home and motel (delivered daily)
	Basic personal supplies (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.) and emergency clothing to both Crisis Home & motel residents
	Infant supplies (diapers, baby wipes, formula, etc.)
Length of Stay	Crisis Home – up to 8 weeks, Motel – as needed
Resident Responsibilities	Maintain confidentiality Abide by Beendigen's mission and anti-violence commitments Abide by agency COVID-19 safety protocols while in residence
Substance Use	Beendigen works from a harm reduction approach however, illegal drugs and alcohol are not allowed at either site. Prescribed medical marijuana must have a pharmacy label
<b>Beendigen Resources for Women &amp; Their Dependents During COVID-19</b>	<b>Keeping Residents COVID-19 Safe While Residing at the Anishinabe Women's Crisis Home &amp; Motel</b>
Assistance with food, personal care items, cleaning supplies, baby supplies, etc. Delivery of items or gift cards to purchase items	<i>Social Distancing</i> – all residents are required to follow social distancing practices everywhere. There will be reminders throughout the crisis home and motel
Traditional medicines	<i>Sanitizing High Touch Areas</i> – We will be frequently sanitizing high touch areas using proven products that kill viruses and bacteria with enhanced cleaning protocols at the crisis home
Number to Call: 807-344-9579	
Information Required: Name, address, phone #, community and # of people in the household	<i>Hand Hygiene</i> – Hand sanitizer dispensers are located throughout the crisis home and residents are required to follow hand hygiene protocols. Hand sanitizer will be provided during stay in motel
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Referrals: As one agency cannot cover all needs, Beendigen will make referrals to other agencies to ensure women get the help they need	<i>Masks</i> – All residents and employees must wear masks in all common areas at all times. Masks will be supplied
<b>Beendigen Outreach Services During COVID-19</b>	<b>Other VAW Community Services</b>
<i>Advocacy &amp; Assistance with:</i> housing application process, legal, income security, counselling, child welfare matters, parenting and prenatal supports	<i>Talk4Healing Indigenous Women's Help Line:</i> 1-855-554-4325
	<i>Thunder Bay Counselling Centre:</i> 807-684-1880, for a list of services or to book an appointment: <a href="http://tbaycounselling.com">tbaycounselling.com</a>
Children craft projects, pre and postnatal supplies (vitamins, newborn supplies, etc.)	<i>Faye Peterson House:</i> 807-345-0450 (women's crisis shelter)
Virtual group work	<i>Family Catholic Development Centre:</i> 807-345-7323 (counselling, women & men's programming)
Number to call: 807-344-9579	<i>Ontario Native Women's Association:</i> 807-623-3442