



COVID-19 Update 3/21/2020

Northwest Autism Center's (NAC) top priority is the health and well-being of our clients, families and staff. Due to the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus), NAC has made the decision to temporarily suspend all direct treatment services, including the Early Intervention Day Treatment Clinic and In-Home services. We understand that these services are critical to our clients and families. A great deal of care, research and planning guided our decision and we hope it contributes to the overall reduction in the length and span of the current health crisis.

We are planning on resuming direct treatment services on July 6th but that date may change depending on recommendations given by the Spokane Regional Health District, Department of Health and the Center of Disease Control, and state and federal mandates. We will be considering alerts daily in evaluating our service status, and will keep you informed of any changes.

NAC is in the process of expanding access to its telehealth services for families in an effort to provide weekly support and treatment strategies for use at home. If you are interested in applying for this service, please contact us at 509-328-1582 or through email at info@nwautism.org. If the phone is not answered, please leave a message as we will continue to check voicemails regularly during this time.

[Please click here](#) to view a list of resources available both locally and on-line for family and community support.

We are increasingly aware of the skyrocketing needs of other vulnerable populations and the organizations serving them. There are needs for volunteers to work the SRHD COVID testing station; to shop for, box, and deliver food; to donate blood; to donate hand sanitizer; and many more areas of need. The list compiled on United Way's website is expansive. If you are able to help in any way, please visit United Way's webpage to view opportunities:

https://www.volunteerspokane.org/need/?s=1&need_init_id=2945

We wish you all health, wellness, safety, and peace during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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