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The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act is a Federal federally funded Program located between the Turtle Mt. Times, and the 5th Generation. Thankfully, the families of our Staff have not been affected by the COVID19 Virus.

In accordance with Regulations to limit contamination, or the spread of COVID19, this Program has taken precautions by wearing masks, & building a plexi-glass barrier, which limits access to the W.I.O.A. Office. There's an Entry-way-only area, where Trainees, Applicants, and Vendors can stand, which is approximately 4' by 8', separated by that Plexiglass.

Anyone who enters the W.I.O.A. Office will be required to wear a mask, and apply disinfectant to their hands. Family, or Friends cannot be allowed to drop in - to sit and visit. As it is with other Programs I'm sure, W.I.O.A. could use assistance with more masks, (cloth ones for Staff) and disposable ones for clients, besides hand sanitizers/dispensers. Not knowing what this Winter will bring, or if there will be a rebound of COVID19, my Staff and I are already planning around the selection process of trainees. Since there is the usual, yearly, "Pause" between hiring intervals, (Dec. & Jan.), (which allows us to plan for the second half of our Program), we hope to use that time to update the entry-way, to be more COVID19 appropriate—and sanitary—rather than the make-shift look it now has.

We will be purchasing lumber/material, to do these updates.

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