On March 26, 2020 the Temporary Variation of Statutory Deadlines Act (TVSD Act) was passed to allow timelines in legislation to be varied in recognition of the impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic may have on meeting current legislative requirements.

In accordance with the authority under section 3 of the TVSD Act, the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development varied certain time periods in the Children, Youth and Families Act and the Adult Protection Act.

Pursuant to section 9, the TVSD Act will expire on 30 September 2020 after which time no new extensions can be made under that Act. In many cases, the extended time periods and deadlines will carry over beyond the expiration of the Act but for a finite period as determined by the individual Notice/Order.