

**CIRCULAR**

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**To:** All

**Subject:** **Information Pertaining to COVID-19**

**Program(s): All**

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 Procedure  Information Only

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**Topic: Circulars to share information**

The health, safety and well-being of staff and clients is important to us. We have been working closely with other government departments and working together to respond to COVID-19, which continues to be a rapidly changing situation.

**Program decisions regarding COVID-19 will be issued in Circulars and will outline changes that may be required for service delivery to ensure business continuity. Circulars will be distributed to affected groups as needed.**

Staff within all divisions continue to plan and prepare for providing services to our clients, while ensuring we practice social distancing and other measures recommended by public health officials.

All questions about testing for suspected cases of the virus are being referred to Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257. Manitobans can also take a self-assessment to determine if they should be tested. This is available, along with regularly updated information on COVID-19, at [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19).

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