

CIRCULAR

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To: All Staff

Subject: **Public Health Order for Licensed Personal Care Homes and Applicability to CLDS Agency Personnel**

Program(s): Community Living disABILITY Services and Service Provider Personnel

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 Procedure Information Only

Effective Date Immediately and until further notice

The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer has issued a Public Health Order effective May 1, 2020, implementing a single-staffing model for nursing and support staff members working in licensed personal care homes (PCHs). This order limits the number of licensed PCHs that nursing and support staff work in to one.

Community Living disABILITY Services (CLDS) staff and CLDS agency personnel are advised that this directive **DOES NOT** apply to agency employees. Service provider staff members who work in both a shift-staffed home and a PCH will retain the ability to perform work in both locations.

Additionally, this Public Health Order does **not** apply to licensed residential care facilities. Agency employees who provide support in more than one shift-staffed home or work in both residential settings and day services are not restricted from moving between job settings.

As a best practice, agencies should make every effort to limit the number of support staff moving between facilities. They should also comply with mandatory requirements for proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and frequent hand-washing to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue to visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19 for regular updates from the Manitoba government.

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