

CIRCULAR

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To: **All Department of Families funded services and all department staff**

Subject: **Continuing health management and PPE practices**

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Effective October 16, 2020 Public Health is putting additional measures in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region.

The Department of Families works closely with Public Health to ensure that we have the appropriate health management measures in place for the continued protection of our funded agencies and service providers, for department staff and for the recipients of our programs.

Dr. Roussin has confirmed that our sectors are doing everything they can to help prevent the spread of the virus. None of the additional measures announced by Public Health today will result in a change to your current practices. The social services (including department and agency offices and sites where services are provided) continue to be excluded from maximum group sizes established for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region.

Please continue to follow the health management and Personal Protective Equipment direction provided by the department and continue to practice the fundamentals.

We are committed to keeping you updated on COVID-19, and will continue to provide updated health management and personal protective equipment guidance to our sectors and staff. Your continued cooperation and dedication to the people we serve is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Gerrard, Deputy Minister, Department of Families