

**CIRCULAR**

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**To:** Programs and Services funded by the Department of Families and department staff who deliver front-line services

**Subject:** Public Health Announcement - Winnipeg Metro Region Moving to Code Red

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**Type:**  Policy

Procedure

**Effective Date:** Monday, November 2, 2020

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Given the rise in COVID-19 positive cases in the Winnipeg Metro Region, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Roussin has issued a new public health directive for Winnipeg and surrounding communities effective Monday, November 2, 2020.

As part of this announcement, Dr. Roussin has directed that the Winnipeg Metro Region (see attached appendix for affected communities) will move to Critical (red) under the Pandemic Response System. However, Dr. Roussin has confirmed social services will not be affected by these restrictions and remain in code orange, with some exceptions.

Specific direction will be provided directly to child care centres operating in this geographical area.

Modifications will also be made to the services provided under the Community Living disABILITY Services (CLD) program for agencies that operate in the Winnipeg Metro Region and Steinbach only, which will be communicated directly to the CLDS sector.

All other services and programs funded and delivered by Manitoba Families are to continue to operate in accordance with the public health direction that is currently in place.

This means there are no changes to the services that are funded or delivered by the department, including Child and Family Services, Children's disABILITY Services and the Employment and Income Assistance programs. If there are positive cases associated with a setting, these will continue to be managed on a case-by-case basis with the support of department staff and public health.

Please revisit the guidance provided to your sector to ensure that you and your organization continue to deliver services while supporting the health of staff and program recipients.

I thank you for your continued efforts to support Manitoba's vulnerable citizens during this difficult time.

Kathryn Gerrard, Deputy Minister  
Manitoba Families

Appendix:

Communities included in the Winnipeg Metro Region

City of Winnipeg  
City of Selkirk  
RM of Cartier  
RM of Headingly  
RM of Macdonald  
RM of Ritchot  
RM of Rockwood  
RM of Rosser  
RM of Springfield  
RM of St. Andrews  
RM of St. Clements  
RM of St. François- Xavier  
RM of Taché  
RM of West St. Paul  
RM of East St. Paul  
Town of Niverville  
Town of Stonewall  
Town of Teulon  
Village of Dunottar