

CIRCULAR

Date: October 30, 2020

CIRCULAR NUMBER: COVID-19: 2020-175

To: All FAM Programs (department and funded agencies)

Subject: Restricted (Orange) Level for All Health Regions Outside of the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region

Effective Date Monday, November 2, 2020

Topic: Implications of Public Health Order – Restricted (Orange) Level

Given the rise in COVID-19 cases across Manitoba, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Brent Roussin is expanding the Restricted (Orange) response level under the Pandemic Response System to include Southern Health – Santé Sud, Prairie Mountain Health and the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority.

The following guidance already applies in the Northern Health Region and Churchill and should continue to be practiced.

Effective Monday, November 2, 2020, Manitobans living in affected communities (see appendix) are expected to comply with the following direction set out by Public Health:

- Indoor and outdoor public gatherings have been reduced to a maximum of five people.
- Masks are mandatory in indoor public spaces. This includes publicly accessible spaces, such as reception areas of buildings where services are provided.

While social services are excluded from this directive, department offices and funded agencies should ensure that physical distancing is maintained wherever possible and that space capacity is adjusted accordingly.

Note: In addition to mandatory masks in indoor public spaces, all programs must continue to follow personal protective equipment directives that are currently in place.

The department has worked closely with Dr. Roussin and Public Health to ensure that additional measures are in place to protect program recipients, as well as agency and department staff.

To support vulnerable clients, Manitoba Families is distributing two reusable masks for every adult in the household and for children aged five to nine. Older children are receiving their masks through their school or child care provider. These masks are currently being distributed to clients across Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Gerrard
Deputy Minister of Families

APPENDIX

List of Communities in Interlake-Eastern RHA

Arborg
Ashern
Beausejour
Berens River
Bissett
Eriksdale
RM of Fisher
Fisher Branch
Gimli
Gympsumville
Hodgson
Lac du Bonnet
Lundar
Oakbank
Pinawa
Pine Falls
Riverton
Selkirk
St. Georges
St. Laurent
Stonewall
Teulon
West St. Paul
Whitemouth

List of Communities in Prairie Mountain Health

Benito
Boissevain
Brandon
Cartwright
Dauphin
Dawson Bay
Deloraine
Elkhorn
Hamiota
Killarney
Lake Manitoba
Mafeking
Melita
Neepawa
Rivers
Russell
Ste. Rose Du Lac
Swan River
Treherne
Waterhen Lake
Winnepegosis

List of Communities in Southern Health - Santé Sud

Altona
Carman
Crystal City
Emerson
Gladstone
MacGregor
Manitou
Morden
Morris
Niverville
Notre Dame de Lourdes
Pilot Mound
Portage la Prairie
St. Claude
St. Pierre-Jolys
Ste. Anne
Steinbach
Swan Lake
Vita
Winkler