

**CIRCULAR**

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**To:** Public Health Announcement – Entire Province Moving to Code Red

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

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**Type:**  Policy

Procedure

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Given the rise in COVID-19 positive cases across the province, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer Dr. Roussin has issued a new public health directive effective Thursday, November 12, 2020.

As part of this announcement, Dr. Roussin has directed that the entire province will move to Critical (red) under the Pandemic Response System. However, critical social services will not be affected by these restrictions, with some exceptions. See the attachments for sector-specific information for: Child and Family Services (CFS), Community Living disABILITY Services (CLDS) and Children’s disABILITY Services (CDS), and Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC).

All other services and programs funded and delivered by Manitoba Families will continue to operate in accordance with public health direction. 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 ongoing commitment to support vulnerable Manitobans during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Gerrard, Deputy Minister  
Manitoba Families

Attachments:

1. CFS CPPS Guidelines
2. CLDS Guidelines
3. CDS Guidelines
4. ELCC Guidelines