

CIRCULAR

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To: All FAM Programs (department and funded agencies)

Subject: **Public Health Directive for Winnipeg and Region**

Effective Date Monday, September 28, 2020

Topic: Implications of Public Health Order – Code Orange

Given the rise in COVID-19 positive cases in the Winnipeg area, Dr. Roussin has issued a Public Health directive for the City of Winnipeg and surrounding area. See appendix for the list of affected communities.

Effective Monday, September 28, indoor and outdoor public gatherings have been reduced to a maximum of 10 people. Masks are mandatory in indoor public spaces. This includes publicly accessible spaces such as reception areas of buildings where services are provided.

- This order does not apply to child care centres. Child care centres can continue to maintain cohort sizes as directed by the Department. It does not affect transportation to and from schools.
- This order does not apply to day programs or transportation provided to Community Living disABILITY Services participants.

Note: In addition to mandatory masks in indoor public spaces, all programs must continue to follow Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 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 for the protection of program recipients, as well as agency and department staff. This includes mandatory mask use in prescribed circumstances.

To support vulnerable program recipients, Manitoba Families is distributing reusable masks to its clients, beginning in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority region. This will include 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.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Gerrard
Deputy Minister, Manitoba Families

Appendix A – List of Affected Communities

City of Winnipeg
City of Selkirk
Dunnottar
Niverville
Town of Stonewall
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
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