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Topic: Self-isolation options – Alternate Isolation Accommodations

Across Manitoba, we are working hard to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. To prevent further possible spread it is important that we follow the instructions to self-isolate when public health officials contact us.

Some people who are required by public health to self-isolate may lack appropriate accommodations to isolate safely and may be eligible for Alternate Isolation Accommodations (AIA).

The goal of AIA is to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by providing a readily available and safe isolation location for those individuals required to self-isolate.

Hotels and other locations across Manitoba have been identified to serve as AIA. Referrals are accepted from either Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health (OESH) or public health. Public health staff will offer AIA during the course of contact tracing and public health investigation.

When using an AIA, individuals must remain in their assigned hotel room for a minimum of fourteen (14) days, or as otherwise directed by public health. For their safety and the safety of those around them, it is imperative that they remain in their hotel room. As part of the isolation requirement, guests or visitors are not allowed. However, direct support staff may be allowed entry to AIA, if required.

To be eligible, you must be directed by public health to self-isolate and be unable to do so at home (if you do not have access to a separate bedroom or bathroom, for example). You must also be referred to an AIA by public health, OESH, a hospital or another approved health service provider.

For more information on AIA, please visit Shared Health's web site at:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/alternative-isolation-accommodations/>

Sincerely,

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