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*Revisions to this circular are in bold*

The Department of Families has recruited two nurses to provide consultation and support on COVID-19 to department staff and funded service providers. We would like to welcome our new pandemic response nurses.

They will be available for consultation at the request of the **CLDS COVID-19 Rapid Response Team (RRT)** and can provide support with:

- reviewing infection control protocols with service providers when a positive case has been identified;
- working in collaboration with Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health (OESH) and Public Health to support contract tracing for service provider staff;
- working in collaboration with OESH and the department where a department staff has been advised to self-isolate and stay home from work; and
- responding to questions or concerns regarding appropriate use of personal protective equipment.

Once a concern has been identified and a request has been submitted through the RRT, a pandemic response nurse will follow up with service providers directly. **CLDS staff or service providers may direct their questions or concerns to the RRT by email at [RRT@gov.mb.ca](mailto:RRT@gov.mb.ca) or by telephone (toll free) at 1-866-906-0901.**

For the latest provincial public health information on COVID-19, visit [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19).

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

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