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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, Shari Szeremley and Dorothy Rutlidge.

They will be available for consultation at the request of CFS and CLDS program specialists 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;
- responding to questions or concerns regarding appropriate use of personal protective equipment.

CFS Community Care Providers direct their questions or concerns to their assigned licensing specialist via the +WPG081 - CFS Incident Reporting (FAM) [cfs-incidentreporting@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cfs-incidentreporting@gov.mb.ca) email. Please indicate in subject line "Pandemic

Response Nurse Request". The licensing specialist will consult with the program specialist as required.

Once a concern has been identified and a request has been submitted through the program specialist, a pandemic response nurse will follow up with service providers directly.

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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