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The government of Manitoba and Public Health have recently implemented the new colour-coded system to allow government to roll out COVID-19 restrictions targeting specific regions, communities or industries in the province.

Following the report of recent new cases in the Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) region, Public Health has elevated the region to the "Restricted (orange) level" which places further public health restrictions on the region.

Despite this announcement, Public Health has confirmed that service delivery in the Department of Families (Prairie Mountain Health Region) remains at the "Caution (yellow) level". No additional restrictions are in place and current guidelines remain in effect at this time. The added restrictions placed on the region relate only to public gathering sizes, which will be reduced to 10 people both indoor and outdoor, and mandatory mask use for indoor and public spaces or businesses, as well as at any public gatherings.

Staff providing care to CLDS participants are to continue to follow current PPE guidelines provided by the Department of Families.

According to the PMH Public Health Order issued on August 24, 2020, CLDS participants attending day services in the PMH region are required to wear a mask and to follow Public

Health directives for wearing masks. Exceptions are permitted if a disability or other health concern prevents a participant from safely wearing a mask or if a participant is unable to put on or remove a mask without assistance. Participants are not required to wear masks while in their own homes.

In the event that Public Health direction changes related to service delivery in the region, all programs should begin reviewing what needs to be instituted and prepare for additional measures as outlined in the "Restricted (orange) level". For more information on the COVID-19 indicators and the four response levels, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/prs/system.html>.

The department will work closely with Public Health who will be assessing the situation and advising the department on next steps should their direction change.

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