

MEMO

Date: April 25, 2024
To: All Health-Care Workers, Manitoba Health Service Delivery Organizations
From: Monika Warren, COO, Provincial Coordinated Health Services & CNO
Re: Return to Routine Practices and Additional Precautions

Effective May 1, 2024, the requirement to mask during direct care interactions, will be lifted in most areas.

Health-care workers are required to wear PPE according to Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (RPAP), including if respiratory symptoms are present. Others may choose to continue wearing a mask (extended use) if they wish and medical masks and N95 respirators will remain available.

Reacquaint yourself with RPAP, including point of care risk assessment and respiratory hygiene, and select appropriate PPE to prevent exposure to blood and bodily fluids. Refer to: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/routine-practices-protocol.pdf>.

What does this mean for you?

For health-care workers, wearing a medical grade mask and/or eye protection remains an available option in any setting and care interaction. **Masks and N95 respirators will continue to be available to you.** In addition, **point of care risk assessments** remain a valuable and required tool to assess the presence of risk.

Signage will clearly indicate situations and settings where **Additional Precautions** are in place.

Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures

Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) carry an increased risk of transmission/spread of infections. Refer to: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/aerosol-generating-medical-procedures-AGMPs.pdf>.

Mask-Friendly Environments

Health-care settings and facilities are safe and respectful environments and will remain mask-friendly for all who choose to continue wearing a mask.

In order to ensure the safety and comfort of our patient population, all staff are asked to comply with a patient/client/resident request to wear a mask.

Similarly, symptomatic patients/residents/clients will be asked to wear a mask for the safety of everyone around them.

Outbreak Management

Follow the guidance specific to your setting.

Consistent use of Routine Practices is expected for care of all persons by all care providers in all care settings. Complete a Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) to decide on what control

measures (including Additional Precautions) are needed to provide safe care and protect from exposure.

Quick Links

- Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures – <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/aerosol-generating-medical-procedures-AGMPs.pdf>
- Point of Care Risk Assessment – <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-point-of-care-risk-assessment-tool.pdf>
- Routine Practices and Additional Precautions - Refer to:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/routine-practices-protocol.pdf>
- ED/UC Screening - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/COVID-19-update.pdf>
- Infection Prevention & Control Learning Booklet
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/infection-prevention-and-control-learning-booklet.pdf>
- Visitation guidelines for Acute & Long Term Care -
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/expanded-visitation-acute-and-pch.pdf>
- COVID-19 Acute Care Highlights – Provincial - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/COVID-19-highlights-provincial.pdf>
- COVID-19 Acute Care Highlights – Winnipeg - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/COVID-19-highlights-winnipeg.pdf>
- COVID-19 Long Term Care Highlights – Provincial -
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/COVID-19-highlights-provincial-ltc.pdf>
- COVID-19 Long Term Care Highlights – Winnipeg -
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/COVID-19-highlights-winnipeg-ltc.pdf>
- COVID-19 Mask-Friendly Poster - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-mask-friendly-poster-bi.pdf>
- Visitor Reminders Poster – English - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-screening-poster-all-eng.pdf>
- Visitor Reminders Poster – French - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-screening-poster-all-fr.pdf>

NOTE: We will be updating documents in advance of the May 1, 2024 change. If you come across a dead link within a document, please let us know by email at communications@sharedhealthmb.ca.