

April 20, 2023

Dear Health Care Provider:

Re: Updated Manitoba Health Protocols and Guideline

Please be advised that the following updated Manitoba Health protocols and guidelines were released recently:

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) protocol (<u>https://www.manitoba.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/covid.pdf</u>) Released in April 2023
- Public Health Management of HIV Exposure and Non-Disclosure guideline (https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hiv-nondisclosure-guideline.pdf) Released in February 2023
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus protocol (<u>https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hiv.pdf</u>) Released in December 2022
- **Syphilis** protocol (<u>https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/syphilis.pdf</u>) First released in September 2022, with newer version containing further updates released in March 2023

All stakeholders are encouraged to transition to the updated protocols/guideline.

The updates to the aforesaid documents were undertaken in line with the department's role for establishing standards and policies, and aim to clarify the role of Public Health, establish standard practice and documentation, and ensure a consistent public health approach throughout the province.

The Hepatitis C protocol is currently under review.

We greatly appreciate the contributions over the past year of many provincial stakeholders, including Medical Officers of Health, Regional Health Authority staff and various clinical specialists and subject matter experts. We thank them for lending their expertise and providing feedback during various stages of the review process.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding these Protocols/Guideline, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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