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Good morning,

As you may have heard already, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) and public health officials are advising Manitobans of a presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in the province.

A woman in her 40s who lives in Winnipeg has tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, it appears the individual was exposed to the virus through recent travel to the Philippines. The individual was screened appropriately upon presentation to hospital, immediately triaged and directed to a separate waiting area away from other patients. The patient is recovering at home.

As a system and health care providers, we have been expecting this eventuality. Our entire system has been working together to prepare and now to manage a COVID-19 outbreak in Manitoba.

Exhaustive planning and management continues, and please know that we have high confidence in our system preparedness and the dedication and expertise of all our health care providers and staff.

Let us all remain focused, diligent and vocal. We will be doing our best to deliver important updates and information to you, but please remember that if you feel you don't know something, ask. If you have a concern, voice it.

Today, everyone in our province is counting on us now more than ever. Together, we will manage this outbreak, and we will prevail.

More information will be coming your way. In the meantime, please remember to take care of yourself and your co-workers.

Sincerely,

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