MEMO

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To: Health System Leaders
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Re: COVID-19 – Central Unit & Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS)

Manitoba’s COVID-19 Incident Command has approved the establishment of a COVID-19 Central Unit to consolidate, monitor and report on data generated across the province’s health system.

The Central Unit within Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living will utilize the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) which has been updated and had its capacity for data entry significantly enhanced to support this time-sensitive work.

All regional health authorities and service delivery organizations are required to report data at a minimum every 24 hours to ensure up-to-date information is available in this central location, or enter directly in PHIMS. Submissions must be legible and complete.

Data in PHIMS is linked to Admit, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) which will ensure the disposition of all patients is available centrally.

Regions should not be creating secondary datasets with case and contact investigation details. Regions can use regional information systems to register cases and contacts to manage workload and assignments, but PHIMS should be the primary dataset for details on the case and contact investigation form, and must be the priority database for entry of this information.

All public health surveillance data and analysis, including regional reports, should use the PHIMS dataset, not secondary data.