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To: All Health Care Workers
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Subject: **COVID Alert App – Information for Health Care Workers**

The Government of Canada's COVID Alert app is now available in Manitoba.

Health-care workers are encouraged to download and enable the alert on their personal or work-issued device.

Those who work in COVID-19 testing sites or who care for COVID-19 suspect or positive patients may wish to consider the following:

- The application uses Bluetooth to exchange random codes with nearby phones. It then checks for your proximity to the codes of people who have shared a COVID-19 positive status with the app. If you have been near one of these codes in the past 14 days you will get a notification that you have potentially been exposed.
- Health-care workers working in environments where COVID-19 suspect or positive patients may be tested or cared for may **consider disabling the app while you are at work**. This will ensure you do not receive notifications that relate to interactions which may occur while personal protective equipment is being worn.

To disable the app while at work, you may disable your Bluetooth OR follow the directions below.

- On iPhone: Go to "Settings", Select "Privacy", Select "Health", Select "COVID-19 Exposure Logging; OR
- On Android: Go to "Settings", Select "Google", Select "COVID-19 Exposure Notifications".

If you choose to enable COVID Alert, your privacy will be protected. The app does not use GPS or track your location. It has no way of knowing your name, address, contacts, health information or your location.