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Dear Health Care Providers,

**Re: Revised Tuberculosis Protocol**

The Manitoba Health tuberculosis protocol has been revised and is available at:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/tb.html>

The following changes are detailed in the revised protocol:

- Updated epidemiology.
- The three major hierarchical goals of the provincial TB program.
- The purpose of the protocol: this protocol is meant to be used in conjunction with other resources available on the Manitoba Health-Public Health Branch website and the Canadian Tuberculosis Standards (CTS) 7<sup>th</sup> edition.
- Timing and dosing frequency of active TB case treatment
- Fundamentals of tuberculosis in children.
- Criteria and timing of discharge from the *airborne infection isolation room (AIIR)*.
- Management of cross-jurisdictional contact investigation.
- Screening criteria in long term care facilities.
- Vaccination.
- Roles and responsibilities of MH and WRHA in the provincial TB program and their contact information.
- Updated reporting instructions.

As the prevention, management and control of communicable diseases require the active participation and cooperation of all health care professionals and practitioners, your attention to this information is most appreciated.

Please share this communication with all relevant colleagues in your facility or clinic.

Sincerely,

*“Original Signed By”*

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