



## COMMUNICATION

### **Issue: Exemptions to self-isolation during Critical (Red) response level**

Provincial Fact Sheets were updated on October 30, 2020, regarding isolation for individuals with symptoms and/or for those who are waiting for COVID-19 test results. This update advises that, during a Critical (Red) response level, entire households need to self-isolate when a household member is symptomatic or pending COVID-19 test results. Exemptions are in place for asymptomatic household members if they are essential workers required to wear personal protective equipment while at work, such as health-care workers or first responders.

Public Health has also advised that this exemption may be extended to asymptomatic teachers, educational assistants, custodians, and bus drivers, provided they wear medical masks and follow all other measures. If school and school division staff are identified as close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19, they are required to self-isolate like all Manitobans.

Exemptions are only to be granted for those who are critical to keeping schools open and who cannot be replaced. For all exemptions, these staff must wear a medical mask and follow all other public health measures.

## RELEVANT WEB LINKS

For information on self-isolation, visit  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#collapse2>.

Please forward questions and inquiries to [educovid19@gov.mb.ca](mailto:educovid19@gov.mb.ca).

Additional information is available on the Manitoba Education COVID-19 website at  
[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/latest.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/latest.html).