

The College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Manitoba (CASLPM) is closely monitoring developments in the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. CASLPM is actively engaged with provincial health officials on this issue and working closely with other Manitoba health regulatory colleges to keep SLPS and AUDs informed of any regulatory matters that may arise.

CASLPM has received the following information from Beth Beaupre, Provincial Lead, Health Workforce, Shared Health:

Manitoba's Chief Provincial Public Health Officer has elevated the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region to the Restricted Level, or orange, on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. This public health order became effective on Monday, **September 28**, for at least four weeks.

For more information on the Restricted level, please refer to:
<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=49298&posted=2020-09-25>.

Under the Restricted Level, non-medical mask use will be required in all indoor public places, including health care settings. Staff will be required to wear a mask to enter and exit any facility and will be required to wear their mask in public areas of the facility as well as any staff-only areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Staff are expected to bring and wear their own mask for this purpose. Please ensure all staff within your area are made aware of this change and are prepared for mandatory non-medical mask use beginning Monday, September 28.

This order **does not** replace the use of facility-provided medical PPE. For those staff who are required to wear PPE as part of their work day, they will need to present to work in their personal non-medical mask. Once in the facility, staff will change from their non-medical mask to their appropriate PPE.

Staff must continue to self-screen for symptoms, known exposure and travel history before coming to work each day.

The **FAQ** available here <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-masks-faq-sept-25-2020.pdf> will be helpful for staff and leadership to understand the scope and application of this order.

It is important that you continue to monitor information about COVID-19 as a citizen and as a health professional. You are urged to regularly visit the webpages below so that you can review timely and critical updates:

- **Government of Manitoba** – <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/index.html>
- **Shared Health Manitoba** – [Provincial coronavirus resources for health care providers](#)
- **Public Health Agency of Canada** – [Information for Health Professionals](#)

Listed below are Important webpages for you and your patients:

- [Health Links – Info-Santé](#)
- Manitoba Public Health – [Coronavirus information for the public, COVID-19 Screening Tool](#)
- Public Health Agency of Canada – [Coronavirus information, FAQs and resources](#)
- World Health Organization – [COVID-19 Advice for the public](#)