

MEMO

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To: PHIMS Operations Committee

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cc: PHIMS Operations Support Team, PHIMS Project Team

Re: **Go-live of the PHIMS CDI module in NRHA**

Starting Dec. 9, 2019, the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) will be using the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) for communicable disease investigations (CDI).

NRHA will use PHIMS for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections and communicable diseases, excluding tuberculosis. Communicable diseases that require supplementary information, such as enteric investigations, animal bites, and post-exposure investigations will continue to be completed on paper forms. Cases and contacts referred to NRHA will be processed in PHIMS, including:

- Positive lab results and clinical notifications referred from the Manitoba Health Surveillance Unit to NRHA on or after Dec. 9, 2019.
- Lab results, cases or contacts referred from other regions to NRHA on or after Dec. 9, 2019.

NRHA will provide printed PHIMS reports when referring contact investigations or reassigning case investigations to regions that are *not* using the CDI module of PHIMS. Please expect to see printed PHIMS reports rather than the paper Case and Contact surveillance forms. The investigation information recorded in PHIMS is comparable to the information collected on the surveillance forms. Samples of print-outs for case and contact management are attached, and include the following:

1. **Investigation Summary** – provides a summary of information collected for case or contact investigations.
2. **Contact Summary Report** – provides a summary of the information collected on the contact, as well as the information on the exposure from the source case investigation.

3. **Unknown Contact Summary Report** – unknown contacts have been identified by the source, but not enough information has been collected to identify these individuals in the client registry. This report contains the information collected about the contact, as well as the information on the exposure from the source case investigation.

Please contact the referring provider if you have questions about the printed PHIMS information that you receive.

As a reminder, Prairie Mountain Health and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority also use PHIMS for the following investigation:

- PMH: STBBIs and CDs (with the exception of investigations requiring supplemental information, such as enteric investigations, animal bites and post-exposure investigations, and tuberculosis)
- WRHA: STBBIs only

NRHA will have two weeks of direct go-live support by the project team. After this period they will transition to standard operating procedures of submitting all PHIMS service requests to the Digital Health Service Desk by phone (204-940-8500 or 1-866-999-9698) or email (servicedesk@sharedhealthmb.ca). Please use the word “PHIMS” in the subject line of your email. Please consult with a peer supporter or trainer before logging any service requests.

If there are any questions pertaining to this go-live, please contact Cornel Van Egmond, Project Manager, Digital Health, Shared Health at cvanegmond@sharedhealthmb.ca.

Congratulations and thank you to the NRHA team for your efforts and for volunteering to deploy PHIMS for communicable disease investigations.