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**To:** All Public Health Directors / Managers / CDI Users

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**Re: Go-live of the PHIMS Communicable Disease Investigations (CDI) module in Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (including Churchill) & Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority**

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Starting **September 20, 2021**, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) (Including Churchill) & the Interlake Eastern Regional Health (IERHA) will begin using the Public Health Information Management System (PHIMS) for managing communicable disease investigations (CDI).

**The WRHA & IERHA** will begin using PHIMS for 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 WRHA & IERHA will be processed in PHIMS, including:

- Positive lab results and clinical notifications referred from the Manitoba Health Surveillance Unit to WRHA & IERHA on or after September 20, 2021.
- Lab results, cases or contacts referred from other regions to WRHA & IERHA on or after September 20, 2021.

**The WRHA & IERHA** will provide printed PHIMS reports when referring contact investigations or reassigning case investigations to First Nation Inuit Health (FNIH). 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.

### Regional PHIMS usage in Manitoba

Region / Service Agency	Using	Select Work Group
First Nation and Inuit Health	<i>Pending use</i>	CD-First Nation and Inuit Health
Interlake-Eastern Health	CD, COVID-19	CD-Interlake-Eastern Health
	STBBI	STBBI-Interlake-Eastern Health
Northern Health	CD, COVID-19, STBBI	CD-Northern Health
Prairie Mountain Health		CD-Prairie Mountain Health
Southern Health - Santé Sud		CD- Southern Health - Santé Sud
Winnipeg Health (including Churchill)	CD, COVID-19	CD-Winnipeg Health
		CD-Churchill
	STBBI	STBBI-Winnipeg Health

If you have any questions about this go-live, please contact Cornel Van Egmond, Project Manager, Digital Health, Shared Health at [cvanegmond@sharedhealthmb.ca](mailto:cvanegmond@sharedhealthmb.ca).

Congratulations and thank you to the WRHA & IERHA teams for their efforts to deploy PHIMS for communicable disease investigations.