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Attention: Volunteer Agencies

Health System Volunteer Support for COVID-19

As the health care system in Manitoba is preparing for further activity related to COVID-19 screening, there is a need to increase the health system's volunteer pool to support these efforts. As a result, existing volunteers from various organizations in the community would provide significant support.

For that reason, we are reaching out to you, our community partners, to support our efforts to provide safe, quality care to Manitobans at this time. Please consider **sharing the attached request with your volunteers** to invite them to join our efforts to fight COVID-19 in our community.

At this time, we are creating a volunteer pool who can be assigned to various volunteer roles to support the work done by our staff in regards to COVID-19. Volunteers will not provide direct patient care but will support our staff in areas that may include face-to-face interactions with patients as well as processing paperwork or other administrative-type functions.

The need for volunteers in the health care system will continue to grow as this situation progresses and we will require a pool of talented, competent, compassionate individuals to support health services.

If you have any questions or have volunteers who have expressed interest directly to you, please do not hesitate to contact **Suzie McLeod** to share those at 204-787-7247 or volunteer@wrha.mb.ca. All potential volunteers will be screened against the COVID-19 criteria and for any potential risks. Winnipeg Volunteers can go straight to the WRHA's webpage to sign up: <https://wrha.mb.ca/covid19volunteers>.

Sincerely,

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