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Dear Volunteers,

As the health care system in Manitoba is preparing for further activity related to COVID-19 screening, we have determined 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.

COVID-19 has caused an unprecedented disruption to everyone's lives and it brings with it a level of anxiety and concern for everyone. But along with that, we have seen many demonstrations of compassion and generosity from volunteers, health care staff and from members of the public who are all working towards the same goal of seeing our community through this challenging time with grace.

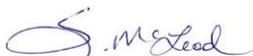
We anticipate our need for volunteers in the health care system will continue to grow as this situation progresses and we want to be prepared with a pool of talented, competent, compassionate individuals that our province is known for. We are looking for volunteers to support the work of health care providers who have been redeployed to testing sites and are taking on new and different roles. 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. These opportunities will be available in locations across the city.

We recognize that this is not a time where everyone can operate the way they normally would and you may not be able to assist with our request. Your health and the health of your family is of the utmost importance at this time and we respect that. We appreciate your engagement in your community and thank you for taking the time to read this request.

If you are interested in assisting or would like more information, please visit wrha.mb.ca/covid19volunteers or call 204-787-7247. All potential volunteers will be screened against the COVID-19 criteria and for any potential risks.

Thank you for your consideration. We are in this together Manitoba!

Sincerely,



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