

Regional Covid19 All-Staff Update

By Southern Health-Santé Sud Jane Curtis – CEO May 11, 2020

A Note of Appreciation from Jane Curtis, CEO Southern Health-Santé Sud In Recognition of our Health Care Heroes.

Dear Southern Health-Santé Sud Staff

Each and every day, health care workers across Manitoba deliver care and support services while navigating the new challenges of the COVID-19 virus. Innovation, flexibility and resilience are all characteristics you demonstrate 365 days a year. But over the past few months, in the midst of the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19, the special contributions of health care workers have been on display in a more public way than usual. As you have stepped forward, Manitobans have expressed their gratitude and their appreciation in a variety of ways, with generous contributions of food, drawings, social media tributes and drive-by parades or processions. Our response to COVID-19 has required significant contributions from all of you. As leaders we recognize the changes that this virus has demanded and the impact it has had on your lives at work and a home.

We want to share a small expression of **our** gratitude for **your** efforts. Together with the province and countless community organizations and individual Manitobans, Southern Health-Santé Sud is participating in a provincial THANK YOU to Manitoba's Health Care Heroes. Please <u>click here</u> to view the video.

We appreciate your dedication and we thank you for your understanding and patience as we continue to learn and to adapt to changing evidence and information about this virus. Our joint efforts will continue over the coming months as we adapt our practices, protocols and personal activities to reflect the ongoing presence of COVID-19 in our community. As you adapt to this new normal, please ensure you are taking care of

yourself. We know many of you are juggling child and elder care, homeschooling, and other family or personal matters in addition to the many changes in your work environment and/or role. Maintain contact with your support network, go for a walk, or access the resources that are available to support you. Your role in our health system and your contribution to the fight against COVID-19 are vital and they are appreciated.

Today, and every day, we thank you.... You are truly Manitoba's health care heroes.

Jane Curtis, CEO

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