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**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020

**To:** WRHA Senior Leadership/Sector/Site Leadership

**From:** Vickie Kaminski  
President and CEO  
WRHA ICS Incident Commander

**Subject:** De-Activating Regional Incident Command

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Effective Monday, June 1st the WRHA is de-activating the regional Incident Command structure that was implemented on March 6th to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

This aligns with Shared Health and Manitoba Health, Senior and Active Living (MHSAL) who today announced the de-escalation of their joint Incident Command structure.

Your participation in the Incident Command structure allowed the WRHA to respond to the pandemic in a timely and effective manner and make a significant contribution to limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Manitoba.

The WRHA will be participating in the efforts around recovery, planning and preparation for future surges in Manitoba. This work will be led by Shared Health and MHSAL.

Going forward, the WRHA will be implementing twice weekly Regional Leadership Huddles on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Similar to the regional huddles which existed prior to Incident Command, site and sector leaders will be asked to provide updates on their operational performance, escalate any operational risks and mitigation strategies as well as identify any potential media issues.

Please note that this new structure will be regularly monitored and reviewed, WRHA Clinical Leadership welcomes your feedback and ideas on improving its effectiveness as a regular regional communication forum. Should there be a need to escalate our regional response related to COVID-19, we will ramp up our ICS operational leadership huddles, as appropriate.

For COVID-19 related communication, including memos/guidelines, this must still be vetted and approved by the respective WRHA Clinical Leadership for your service area (Krista Allan, Dr. Nancy Dixon, and Gina Trinidad) prior to distribution.

I would like to thank each of you for your exceptional leadership and professionalism during our pandemic response. The hard work and personal sacrifices of you and your staff are greatly appreciated.

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