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Date: December 10, 2020

To: WRHA, Operations Leads, Community Health Agencies, Thunderbird House, Health Links-Info Santé, Public Health, WRHA Community Services Leadership, Hospital and Health Centre Acute Care Leadership, Emergency Response Leadership, Mental Health Leadership, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, Manitoba College of Family Physicians, Shared Health Leadership, Doctors Manitoba

From: Maria Cotroneo, Director, Primary Health Care, Integrated Palliative, Primary & Home Health Services, Pat Younger, Lead, Community Health Services, Sharon Kuropatwa, Director, Housing, Supports and Service Integration/Community Area Director Downtown/Point Douglas

cc: Gina Trinidad, WRHA Chief Health Operations Officer

Re: NEW Walk-up downtown testing site opening December 14 at 330 Garry St.

Later this week, December 11, Dynacare will be closing the COVID-19 testing site at 1181 Portage Ave., and shifting resources to a downtown, walk-up site which will open December 14 at 8 a.m. This new site has been identified and the move scheduled thanks to the collaboration with and work of the Provincial Testing Task Force.

The new site will be located in the former Garrick theatre at 330 Garry St. and is meant to serve increasing demands of the population of Winnipeg's Downtown core area. The site will be open daily from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to walk-up traffic only.

Patients may safely queue both inside the building and on the sidewalk leading up to the building as needed. The sidewalk has been closed by the City of Winnipeg and will have outdoor heaters in place as temperatures drop. In the event of long lineups and extreme cold weather the site has capacity to add more queuing inside.

Additionally – as we know the holidays will be upon us sooner than we know we urge you to check testing site hours on our webpage as you direct clients and patients for testing over the holiday season <https://wrha.mb.ca/covid-19-testing-sites/>.

The majority of testing sites will remain open throughout the holiday, including Christmas and New Years' Day but a few will be closed or have alternate operating hours.

We are extremely grateful to all of our sites, our partners and our staff who continue to support and staff WRHA testing sites and connect Winnipeggers to testing sites from primary care and community support services.