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Date: May 15, 2020

To: Community Health Agencies, Manitoba Metis Federation, End Homelessness Winnipeg, Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre of Winnipeg, Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, 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 of Primary Health Care, WRHA Community & WRHA COVID — 19 Incident Command - Community Operations Lead

cc: **Gina Trinidad**, Chief Health Operations Officer, Community & Continuing Care
Sharon Kuropatwa, Community Area Director DT/PD and Director of Housing, Supports & Service Integration, WRHA

RE: Thunderbird House Community Testing Site for COVID-19 to open May 19

Along with community partners in the Downtown/Point Douglas areas, the WRHA has identified the need to open a testing site in Winnipeg's core for area residents and those experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg. It is with great pleasure to share that this testing site will open to serve the public effective May 19, 2020.

Thunderbird House has volunteered to offer space within their facility and partner with WRHA and Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre of Winnipeg (AHWC) to offer testing for COVID-19 to members of the community.

No referral is required for this testing site. Any member of the community, or Winnipeg resident, who has symptoms of COVID-19 may present to the site at 715 Main St. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (every day) to be tested. In the event that an individual is required to self-isolate following their test and does not have a place to do so safely, AHWC staff will connect with the isolation location best suited to the needs of the individual (either the downtown location or the hotel location).

Please note: **This testing site does NOT offer clinic or other health care services to COVID positive patients.** Individuals who have, or who are suspected to have, COVID-19, requiring further assessment should still be directed to their primary care provider or one of the two assessment clinics through the established referral process. Please refer to Referral Guide for COVID-19 Assessment Clinics for more details.