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The purpose of this Manual is to provide evidence based, best practice guidance and standardized infection prevention and control practices across the spectrum of care in the Winnipeg-Churchill Health Region in:

- All Shared Health-owned or -operated sites, facilities, and programs
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- Community health sites and services (Population & Public Health, Home Care, Primary Care/Family Medicine & Affiliates, and Mental Health)

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The Infection Control Professionals work Monday to Friday during the day. If you require Infection Prevention and Control services after hours, weekends or on statutory holidays, please refer to the IP&C Manual.

For additional assistance regarding urgent IP&C issues, contact:

- Dr. Evelyn Lo, pager (204) 932-6538 for St. Boniface Hospital concerns.
- Attending Pediatric Infectious Disease Physician, call HSC Switchboard: (204) 787-2071 for pediatric IP&C concerns.
- Dr. John Embil, HSC Switchboard: (204) 787-2071 for all other concerns.

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