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Sent on behalf of Katherine Stansfield, CEO/Registrar

Hello Colleagues,

I want to provide you with the most current information regarding the College's core work in supporting the health workforce and in addressing risks related to professional conduct.

- **Expediting registration**

-Any RN or RN(NP) with a current certificate of practice and in good standing who is recently retired does not require any approval from the College to assume temporary employment during the pandemic. Simply verify their status on NurseCheck.

-Neither the RHPA or the former RN Act provided for an expedited process for registration during a public health emergency for former Manitoba registrants. We are working hard with the legislative unit to determine a remedy for this and we will inform you when this is achieved.

-In the meantime, the College is developing all the internal processes for an expedited registration process, including facilitating purchase of CNPS coverage. There will be no College registration fee.

-We are also developing the conditions for current registrants from jurisdictions outside Manitoba to achieve registration, under the RHPA. This too requires collaboration with the legislative unit and we will inform you when this is confirmed. Current registrants from Canadian jurisdictions will not require additional CNPS coverage.

- **Access to NCLEX examination**

-The National Council of State Boards of Nursing informed all regulatory bodies and current exam-writers that the exam provider, Pearson Vue, has closed all examination writing centres in the US and Canada effective immediately until April 16th. However, Pearson Vue is accepting exam writing dates beyond April 16th so it is possible for current exam-writers to rebook their exams without time or cost penalties.

-Students expected to graduate from their final year of the nursing program, and anticipating writing their NCLEX exams can book their exams beyond April 16th as well, which will make them eligible to apply for graduate nurse registration. Therefore there should be no delay in these future graduates being available for hire upon successful completion of their programs.

- **College operations**

-As of Monday, the College was closed to walk-in traffic and has rescheduled all meetings to virtual format, or they have been cancelled.

-We are working hard to move to a virtual workplace, with a skeleton staff working within the College. While we anticipate a seamless move to virtual processes, please be patient with us as we may experience some initial 'kinks'. We are focused on our core processes of expedited registration and managing key risks in professional conduct.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me directly by phone (204-793-8947) or email (kstansfield@crnm.mb.ca). Please distribute this communication as broadly as possible to your colleagues.

Best regards
Katherine

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