

MEMO

Date: March 25, 2020

To: All Health Care Workers

From: Christina Von Schindler, Chief Privacy Officer, Shared Health

Re: **COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness Privacy and Security Considerations – Staff Responsibilities & Employer Expectations**

This is a reminder to all staff that **you have been provided access to electronic information systems containing personal health information (PHI) or personal information (PI) in order to do your job.**

You may not use your access to look up your own PHI or PI, or that of anyone that you are not authorized to do so, even if you are concerned that you or they may have come into contact with COVID-19.

Snooping will result in serious corrective or disciplinary measures. These measures may include but are not limited to, discipline up to and including termination of employment /contract/ association /appointment, loss of privileges, and reports being filed with appropriate disciplinary body and the Manitoba Ombudsman.

You are reminded that Digital Health operates an auditing program to verify appropriate access to electronic information systems.

Public Health Officials are contacting all Manitobans who have been tested for COVID-19 to inform them of their results. Those who are waiting to receive results are directed to self-isolate until negative results are provided AND symptoms have passed. A process to speed up the sharing of test result information for those who have tested negative for COVID-19 is being finalized. Those Manitobans who have tested positive for COVID-19 are being immediately contacted by Public Health.

You may access your own personal health information through the established process outlined in your respective SDO policy.

The Southern Health-Santé Sud **Access to Personal Health Information** (ORG.1411.PL.101) policy can be found here: <https://www.southernhealth.ca/assets/documents-library/362da37066/ORG.1411.PL.101-Access-to-Personal-Health-Information.pdf>

If you have any questions about the appropriate use of confidential information including PHI and PI, you may contact:

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Valerie Gural, Manager of Privacy, Digital Health, 204-926-3634, vgural@sharedhealthmb.ca, or
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You may also speak with your site / program Privacy Officer. If you are uncertain about who that is, you may contact Helen Jowett, 204-926-7074 hjowett@sharedhealthmb.ca for direction.

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