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**Information for Funeral Homes: Use of Non-Medical Masks in Health Care Facilities**

As of September 1, all visitors to (facility name), including funeral home staff, are required to bring and wear a non-medical mask for the duration of their visit. This requirement applies to all who visit health care facilities, including designated support persons, general visitors and outpatients attending medical appointments.

When worn properly, a non-medical mask can prevent the spread of respiratory droplets and is an easy additional measure to protect each other from COVID-19.

**Please ensure your staff arrive to (facility name) with their own non-medical mask. As a reminder, they will also be expected to maintain appropriate physical distancing, perform hand hygiene and will be screened for travel, symptoms and exposure to COVID-19 prior to entry.**

Exceptions exist for individuals with medical conditions unrelated to COVID-19, including breathing difficulties, that prevent them from safely wearing a mask. These individuals are exempted from this requirement.

Requiring the use of masks in hospitals, health centres and personal care homes across Manitoba will ensure we are doing all we can to protect our patients, residents, staff and communities.

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your team.