MEMORANDUM: Self-Isolation Changes for Students UPDATE

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To: All Rady Faculty of Health Sciences faculty, staff and students

From: Raman Dhaliwal, Director of Administration and Operations, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences

As of November 2, 2020, Public Health officials are advising in the Winnipeg metropolitan region that anyone who is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID test results. The only exemption to this is if you are an essential health-care worker in which case you don't need to self-isolate if you have a symptomatic household member but must isolate yourself from the symptomatic member.

In consultation with Public Health, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences’ faculty, staff and students will be treated similar to essential health-care workers and are exempt from self-isolating if they have a household member who is symptomatic but must isolate from the symptomatic member. If you are unable to isolate yourself from the symptomatic member (i.e. the symptomatic member is your child or someone you provide care for) you will need to self-isolate pending a negative COVID-19 test result for the symptomatic household member.

This exemption is due to the following measures in place in Rady Faculty of Health Sciences:

- Face-to-face screening using the same algorithm as Shared Health
- PPE requirements matching Shared Health PPE in clinical settings
- No in-person activity is occurring on campus that can be done remotely
- Our faculty, in many instances, are health-care system employees or independent contractors and are between the Shared Health facilities and Bannatyne campus regularly

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your program director, instructor, department head, associate dean or college dean for clarification.

Thanks very much for your attention to this important matter.