

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2020

To: All Rady Faculty of Health Sciences students

From: Dr. Brian Postl, Dean and Vice-Provost, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
Dr. Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis, Dean, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry
Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Dean, College of Pharmacy
Dr. Netha Dyck, Dean, College of Nursing
Dr. Reg Urbanowski, Dean, College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Re: Student volunteers

Dear Students,

Thank you for your interest and support in volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 200 Rady Faculty students from across all of the colleges have volunteered to date.

We continue to update the schedule to reflect changing needs in the number of volunteers required. Student volunteer opportunities continue at HSC, Grace Hospital, St Boniface Hospital and the MPI Bison Drive-Thru screening site.

Grace Hospital – volunteers report to the main front entrance where they will be greeted
HSC – volunteers report to Central Staff Office GC210 by the Cafeteria
MPI Bison Drive-Thru screening – volunteers to ask for Heather Orellana
St. Boniface Hospital – volunteers report to the Atrium and meet Donna Lee Sampson:

If you cannot attend a shift that you have signed up for, please contact:

Grace Hospital: Leah Johnston 204-837-0447.

HSC: Regarding a shift the same day or the next day: 204-787-3301.

MPI Bison Drive-Thru: Heather Lytwyn 204-477-3429

St. Boniface Hospital: Donna Lee Sampson: 204-391-4107

If it is still a day or two away that you are cancelling for, please update the schedule directly.

Please also email Brenda Peterson at Brenda.Peterson@umanitoba.ca to indicate that you are volunteering (include phone number).

Thank you for your participation.

The Government of Manitoba is asking travellers to self-isolate after any travel. Visit this link for more information: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/>

Please note the following memorandum from Shared Health on considerations for use of volunteers at increased risk of COVID-19.

Date: March 20, 2020

From: **Dr. Brent Roussin**
Chief Provincial Public Health Officer
Lanette Siragusa, Provincial Lead
Health System Integration & Quality,
Chief Nursing Officer, Shared Health

Re: **Considerations for Use of Volunteers at Increased Risk of COVID-19**

Following discussion with Public Health officials, it has been determined that the risk to COVID-19 volunteers is primarily related to the presence of pre-existing health conditions and is not solely determined by age.

In light of the increasing need for volunteers, regional health authorities and facilities are encouraged to consider the following:

- Restrict any volunteer with respiratory (cold/flu) symptoms;
- Restrict any volunteer with international travel within the last 14 days;
- Restrict any volunteer with direct contact to a known or suspected COVID-19 case;
- Restrict the minimum age for volunteers to 18 for the foreseeable future;
- Share information with volunteers about the risk factors associated with COVID-19 and ask them to make informed decisions about whether or not to proceed with their planned shifts

Thank you again for your participation and stepping up during the COVID-19 crisis and doing your part as a future health professional.