

MEMO

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To: Health Service Delivery Organization CEOs, CMOs, CNOs
SDO Acute Care Leads
Manitoba Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres

From: Dr. Patricia Birk, Provincial Medical Specialty Lead, Child Health

Re: **Management of Respiratory Presentations in the Pediatric Population - Guidance for Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres**

With the onset of respiratory virus season, public education resources have been developed to guide parents/guardians of the options available to them when a child is experiencing mild to moderate cold or flu symptoms. These include awareness of primary care options and walk-in clinics, including some after-hours and evening/weekend options.

Knowing where to go is an important focus of public education efforts, particularly as we enter what is expected to be a busy season for colds and other viruses. Shared Health has created a “Know Where to Go” fact sheet for children and parents that is available here: [covid-19-info-and-testing-in-child-ed.pdf \(sharedhealthmb.ca\)](#).

Additional resources to post and share within your regions are available here: [Pediatric \(children's\) care - My Right Care](#).

Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres will continue to see patients, including children, with more serious symptoms and will prioritize patients based on the severity of the medical condition. To support your facilities and care teams, a number of resources have been developed to guide ED/UC teams as they manage pediatric respiratory presentations.

- [Asthma](#)
- [Bronchiolitis](#)
- [Croup](#)

Please share and post these resources in areas where they will be accessible to your teams. These resources are also posted at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/health-providers/medical-staff/>

Continue to screen, isolate and treat patients according to their symptoms while awaiting COVID test results.

Please direct any questions related to these resources to: Kristyn Ball, Provincial Clinical Services Lead, Child and Women’s Health kball2@sharedhealthmb.ca.