

# Provincial Travel Nursing Team

Welcome to the *June Edition* of our PTNT Newsletter. This edition will highlight important information that is relevant to *you* as a frontline nurse.

## Be In The Know

PTNT Latest Updates

### ***NEW*** Launched Sites in Southern Health Santé Sud

- **Rock Lake Health District Hospital** – Available as of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - **Available programs:** *Emergency*
  - **Experience + Certification Requirements:**
    - eChart experience
    - Active ACLS, BLS, CTAS required
    - ***Minimum 1+ years or the equivalency of 2015 hours in an emergency department***

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***NEW*** Open Nurse Town Hall Session June 17<sup>th</sup> :Staff are welcome to drop in to the open town hall and ask any questions they are requiring further assistance/clarification on. These items may include-but are not limited to- scheduling, forms, education requests, platform support. We ask that staff presenting questions in these sessions first reference the available documents and guidelines on the PTNT website. If an answer is not able to be identified within the documents our educator team will provide additional support/guidance as able.

- **Date:** June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00pm
- **Location:** MS Teams- no registration required
- **Meeting Link:** [Join the meeting now](#)

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***NEW*** Dissolution of PTNT Nurse App on MS Teams: As of **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**, the Provincial Travel Nurse Team will no longer utilize the PTNT Nurse App for *casual* nurses. Communication regarding the use of teams *exclusively* for EFT Staff will be distributed by our management team in the coming weeks.

- All up to date information has been transitioned to the Provincial Travel Nurse Team webpage available [here](#)

*How Do I Access the Website from Home?* Using a google search engine type in “Shared Health”. Once directed to the **Home Page** select “Health Providers” in the **top right** corner of the screen. On the **Health Providers** page- select **Provincial Travel Nurse Team**

- Staff are to review the available resource guides and documents available in an effort to troubleshoot any questions or concerns they may have. If the documents provided do not address the question at hand- please reach out to a member of our team for further clarification

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***IMPORTANT*** **Measles Outbreak + Staff Protection:** As you may be aware, there has been a significant rise in measles cases across Canada and within Manitoba. Measles is an acute, highly communicable viral infection spread via the **airborne route**. Please refer to the attached Infection Control and Precautions documents regarding:

- After Hours Checklist- Applicable to all health care settings
- Measles (Rubeola) Specific Disease Protocol

*As a front-line nurse- what do you need to know?*

- Clinical Symptoms may include: fever, cough, conjunctivitis, maculopapular skin rash, inflammation of mucous membranes of the nose
- Precautions to implement: Airbourne
  - ***Airbourne Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Staff includes:*** Staff **must** wear a **fitted N95 mask**
  - Patient PPE upon presentation to triage/health site includes: medical mask and adequate hand hygiene. Staff are to place individual in a single positive pressure room (if available) with the door closed
- Duration of Site Precautions:
  - **Confirmed Case-** 4 days after the start of a rash for a healthy individual. For immunocompromised individuals this is extended until the symptoms have resolved
  - **Suspected Case-** From 5 days post initial exposure to 21 days after last exposure regardless of treatment provided
- Incubation Period: 7-18 days to onset of fever, may last up to 21 days
- Communicable-Transmission Period:
  - **Start:** 4 days prior to onset of rash and 1-2 days prior to onset of initial symptoms
  - **End:** 4 days after the initial onset of the rash. This may be extended in an immunocompromised individual

***Available Resources:***

- WRHA Microorganism, Infectious Disease Table [WRHA MID Table](#)
  - WRHA Airborne Precautions Highlights [Airborne Precautions.pdf](#)
  - Measles Afterhours Checklist- Attached
  - Measles Specific Disease Protocol- Attached
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**Reminder** [How to Add Sites to Your ESP + Shift Link Workspaces-](#) Please visit the PTNT website to locate the *Site Access Request Form*.

- Please allow our team 3-5 business days to process your request
- Staff are able to select up to 5 sites per region- per submission

*Experiencing difficulties with your shift link account? Please reach out to your team manager. Additional support can be provided by Shift Link through: [info@shiftlinkapp.com](mailto:info@shiftlinkapp.com) or 1-877-744-3821*

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**Reminder** [Educational Requests:](#) *Looking to renew a certification that you currently hold or obtain a new certification that would complement your current skillset and experience?*

- Staff are eligible to complete a PTNT education request form available [here](#).
- Staff are encouraged to reach out to their home site to inquire about the education being supported through their EFT site. If the education request has been declined by the individuals home site they are then eligible to submit the request through PTNT. Staff will be required to demonstrate the outlined efforts for education upon submission with PTNT.

**Note** All education registration/enrollment must come from the PTNT educators in order to be eligible to have your time paid and course costs covered. Registrations made at the discretion of a nurse without approval through PTNT will **not** be eligible for reimbursement +/- attendance pay.

# What's New?

## Clinical and Education Information

**Reminder** [Provincial Canadian Triage Acuity Scale \(CTAS\) Rollout:](#) All provincial emergency triage nurses are required to complete the provincial rollout of the *new* CTAS material provided by the National Emergency Nurses Association (NENA).

- The provincial deadline for completion is **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**- if you have yet to complete the updated course- please reach out to your home region for their enrollment process.
- Staff who do not hold an EFT in any region are eligible to reach out to PTNT via the education request form to have this education completed under our program

**Reminder** [Required LMS Modules for May:](#) Modules listed below were required to be renewed/completed by *May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025*

- **Fire Safety Code Red** – **Annual Renewal** Required
- **Information Security Awareness- General** – **Annual Renewal** Required
- **Information Security Awareness- Clinical** -**Annual Renewal** Required
- **Personal Protective Equipment** – Renewal **Every 2 years** Required
- **PHIA for Health Care** – Renewal **Every 3 years** Required
- **HSC- Safe Patient Handling- Theory Presentation** – **One Time** Completion

- Please check your [LMS learning history](#) to ensure that your modules are up to date.  
*\*\*Failure to complete will result in a performance conversation with your primary manager*

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**UPCOMING [LMS Modules Due in August-](#)** Modules listed below will be required to be renewed/completed by *August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025*

- **Respectful Workplace- One Time** Completion
- **Workforce ESP: Employee Self Service- One Time** Completion
  
- **Active Offer in Healthcare- English: LMS-2016-** Renewal **Every 2 years** Required
- **Hazardous Medication and Waste Safe Handling-** Renewal **Every 2 years** Required
- **WHMIS- LMS 1207-** Renewal **Every 3 years** Required

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**FREE [Trek- Translating Emergency Knowledge for Kids:](#)** *Wanting to expand your knowledge of pediatric conditions and the current best practice treatments? Register below for these free virtual sessions*

- **Registration:** [Pediatric Emergency Virtual Education Sessions - Winter - Spring 2025](#)
- **Trek Website:** [Trek - Translating Emergency Knowledge for Kids](#)

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**FREE Virtual Ethics Discussion:** *Have an interest in ethics and how nurses are faced with these hard questions? Join one of many upcoming ethics discussions that include **Reproductive Ethics, Resource Allocation, Ethics Issues in Acute Care and more!***

- **Register Here-** [Education | Health Care Ethics](#)
- **Missed a session?** View previous ethics discussions here: [Session Recordings | Health Care Ethics](#)

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**REMINDER [PTNT Virtual Onboarding Orientation:](#)** 90-minute virtual presentation via MS Teams led by our educators and managers. Reviews available incentives, per-diems, Platforms used by the program and how to navigate them, scheduling, expense claim form, and more. If interested, please reach out to your team manager to register

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# Collective Agreement

**Manitoba Nurses Union:** Are you wanting to know who your MNU Labor Relations Officer is for PTNT?

- The Provincial Travel Nurse Team falls under **Local 161**
- **Christine St. George** is the LRO for Local 161
  - Email: [cstgeorge@manitobanurses.ca](mailto:cstgeorge@manitobanurses.ca)

# Regional Updates

## Measles Vaccine Changes- IERHA + SHSS

Public Health expanded eligibility for *measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)* vaccine for infants residing in SHSS and IERHA effective **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Children ages 6 months to 12 months who reside in SHSS or IERHA or have travelled regularly to **and** have close contact with residents within the designated regions

**Important Note:** The early dose available is MMR as *MMRV* is not recommended for use in infants less than 12 months of age. These infants should still receive 2 doses of MMRV after their first birthday to ensure long lasting immunity.

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## Southern Health Santé Sud

Please review the below list of quick links to updates within SHSS

- Emergency Department- Real Time Reporting of Department Closures
  - [Reporting Real-Time Emergency Department Closures - SH-SS StaffNET](#)
- B. Braun Product Suspension
  - [Supply Disruption BACKORDER B.Braun 1.2 Micron Filter Tubing | Action Required - SH-SS StaffNET](#)
- Adenosine Supply Distribution
  - [Supply disruption: adenosine 6 mg/2 mL pre-filled syringes - SH-SS StaffNET](#)
- URGENT Product Recall- Power PICC
  - [URGENT: Expanded Medical Device Recall - Bard BD 4 FR PowerPICC Catheters - SH-SS StaffNET](#)
- Measles Response Team- Boundary Trails- Expression of Interest
  - [Expression of Interest | Measles Response BTHC - SH-SS StaffNET](#)

## SHSS Education Opportunities

- The Competencies Behind Compassionate Palliative Care- Virtual
  - Available dates throughout June from 12:00-12:30pm
  - No registration required- simply select the link [Care that Connects | The Competencies Behind Compassionate Palliative Care \(Virtual\) - SH-SS StaffNET](#)
- Public Guardian and Trustee Education- Virtual
  - **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025** from 10:00am – 12:00pm
  - No registration required- [Public Guardian and Trustee Education | Virtual - SH-SS StaffNET](#)

- Leadership for Today's Nurse- Winkler
    - Interactive learning experience to promote self-development and leadership for all nurses
    - **Dates:** June 12+ 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025
    - **Time:** 0830-1600
    - **Location:** Eden Mental Health Centre- 1500 Pembina Ave, Winkler MB
      - All travel time and mileage are not eligible to be claimed for staff attending these sessions unless an education request is submitted and approved.
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## Shared Health

Shared Health will be launching a **NEW** injury/near miss reporting system (INM) system June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

- Please see attached memo for more details
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## Prairie Mountain Health

Prairie Mountain Health will be launching **RL6** reporting system on **June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. PMH is the last region to launch the RL6 reporting system for near miss/injury reports.

- RL6 will not cover work issues for staff- ie. Lost ID tags. Staff are to continue utilizing the existing PMH incident reporting system for these types of concerns
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## Northern Regional Health Authority

**Important Changes** All **availability forms** must be sent **solely** to [SHProvincialTravelNurseTeam@sharedhealthmb.ca](mailto:SHProvincialTravelNurseTeam@sharedhealthmb.ca).

- Forms/ texts or emails that are communicated directly to NRHA schedulers/ managers will not be considered
- Nurses are only eligible to complete the form to request shifts in the following circumstances
  - It is an active posting and awarding period per the NRHA timelines
  - Communication regarding outstanding/short call needs has been disseminated to the PTNT team
- Nurses are **not** eligible to submit dates they are available to work that do not coincide with communicated needs by the region
- Nurses who require a flight to NRHA must check the Calm Air website and only request dates when there is a scheduled flight. If you have a preferred flight time, please include that on the availability form in the comments section.
  - Check flight schedules here  [Calm Air Flights](#)