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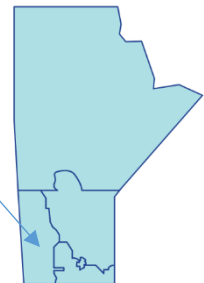
On August 19th Manitoba launched a new reporting system called #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

	Red: Critical	Community spread of COVID-19 is not contained and/or there is significant strains on our health care system
	Orange: Restricted	Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring.
	Yellow: Caution	Community transmission of COVID-19 is at low levels.
	Green: Limited Risk	The spread of COVID-19 is broadly contained and a vaccine and/or effective treatment for COVID-19 is available.

The system will provide more localized information about the current risk of COVID-19, and allow Public Health Officials to place a specific region, sector or facility in an elevated response level to implement measures to reduce its spread. As of August 19, the entire Province was placed at a level of “Caution”.



Effective immediately August 20th, the Prairie Mountain Health Authority has been elevated to the **“Orange-Restricted”** level of response.



Although more information will be forthcoming, the following shall apply:

- **NO gatherings over 10 people (applies to both indoors and outdoors)**
- **Masks will be mandatory in public places and public gatherings**

Manitobans are strongly encouraged to return to the fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Do not go out while feeling ill, practice proper hand hygiene, cover coughs and practice physical distancing when with people outside your household. If you cannot physical distance, wear a mask.

For information on the #RESTARTMB Pandemic Response System:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/system.html>

For up-to-date information about COVID-19 visit: www.manitoba.ca/COVID19

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