



## COVID-19 NON-ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES SHARED HEALTH UPDATES

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The College of Midwives of Manitoba has committed to sharing relevant information from Shared Health and other relevant sources during the COVID-19 pandemic. As Manitoba continues to proceed with re-opening non-essential health care services the following updates have been provided by Shared Health.

Updates to the [Provincial Guidance on Universal Precautions and Provisions for Obstetrical Care](#) include:

- Updates recognizing that a reduced visit schedule may not always be indicated, and that at times when the burden of disease is low it may be advisable to return to pre-pandemic visit schedules where possible.
- Updates regarding the use of Nitrous Oxide in labour.

As primary care providers, midwives are in the best position to determine what care is best for an individual client at a particular moment in time and must continue to use their professional judgement.

The [Guidance on Re-opening of Primary Care Clinics](#) provides information regarding working with managers and local RHAs to plan for increased in-person patient volumes, while maintaining appropriate PPE use and monitoring supply. Recommended infection control precautions and screening should be in place at all times.

[COVID-19: Pregnancy, Birthing and Bringing Baby Home](#) fact sheet has been published and aims to provide information to clients.

Midwives should continue to monitor and follow the [Shared Health](#) COVID-19 website for providers for the latest updates.