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### **Letter to Public Health staff providing an update on the rifampin/ciprofloxacin depot system**

The following letter provides an update on the system of rifampin/ciprofloxacin depots now in operation for prophylaxis of contacts of cases of invasive meningococcal and haemophilus influenzae disease.

There are 10 hospital pharmacy depots across the province, plus Tache Pharmacy in Winnipeg which will maintain rifampin and ciprofloxacin stores with extended hours of availability (see list following).

During regular hours there will be a pharmacist available to dispense medication. After regular hours medication will be accessible to emergency room and public health nurses through special prepackaged and labeled stock in the emergency room. At several depots (see notes listed below) a pharmacist will be available on a call back basis on evenings, holidays and weekends if required (e.g. for preparation of pediatric rifampin suspension which is not stored in the emergency room).

Medication as well as information sheets on meningococcal and haemophilus influenza B disease and potential side effects of rifampin and ciprofloxacin will be distributed to each contact as appropriate.

To release medication, the MOH should call the depot closest to where the majority of contacts reside and identify him/herself as a Medical Officer of Health wishing to release rifampin or ciprofloxacin from the provincial depot system. Provide the information outlined on the attached "Meningococcal Contact Form" to the pharmacist for each person to be prophylaxed, indicating as well where the medication is to be sent. Regional Public Health Nurses may provide advice about distribution of medication (ie. whether will be done by Emergency Room Nurses in outpatient department or by Public Health Nurses at the same or at different location).

Where transportation of medication is required, Manitoba Health should be billed by quoting one of the following account numbers:

Grey Goose Bus Lines/Greyhound	426665
MID Canada	301
Purolator	300 7539

Phone and fax numbers and availability of pharmacist call-back services are provided as noted on the List of Rifampin/Ciprofloxacin which follows.

### **List of Rifampin/Ciprofloxacin Depots**

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#### **Winnipeg Region:**

##### ***Tache Pharmacy***

400 Tache Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB  
R2H 3C3

Regular Hours: 233 3469, Fax: 231 1739

Other Times: After hour's line at (204) 955-6837

or pager at (204) 932 2626 (emergency only)

#### **Eastman Region**

##### ***Bethesda Health and Social Services Pharmacy***

Steinbach

Regular Hours: 346 5162

Other Times: 326 6411 – Ask hospital to contact Joey Gwodz (pharmacist) at home. If pharmacist is not available, ER Nurse can release prepackaged medication; \* if suspension is required contact Tache Pharmacy.

#### **Beausejour Hospital Pharmacy**

Beausejour

Regular hours: 268 7436

Other times: 268 1076 – Ask to speak to Nurse in charge to release prepackaged medication or to page pharmacist on call to prepare suspension.

#### **Pine Falls Health Complex Pharmacy**

Pine Falls

Regular hours: 367 4441

Other hours: 367 4441 – Ask to speak to Nurse in charge to release prepackaged medication 367 2517 (Pine Pharmacy; hours 9:00am – 5:00am, Monday to Saturday) when suspension required

- When Pine Pharmacy closed call Tache Pharmacy in Winnipeg.

#### **Central Region**

##### ***Portage la Prairie District General Hospital Pharmacy***

524 – 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE

Portage la Prairie

Regular hours: 239 2201

Other times: Ask to speak to Nurse in charge to release prepackaged medication

- When suspension required call the Tache Pharmacy in Winnipeg.

## **Westman Region**

### ***Brandon General Hospital Pharmacy***

150 McTavish Avenue E.

Brandon

Regular hours: 578 4235

Other times: 726 1122 – Ask for Emergency Department. ER Nurse will release prepackaged medication or contact the pharmacist on call when suspension is required.

## **Interlake Region**

### ***Arborg and Districts Health Centre Pharmacy***

Arborg

Regular hours: 376 5153 – 9:00am-6:00pm, Monday to Saturday

Other times: 376-5079 – Ask Victor Eyolson (pharmacist) to release prepackaged medication or when suspension is required.

## **Parklands Region:**

### ***Dauphin Regional Health Centre Pharmacy***

625 Third St. SW

Dauphin

Regular hours: 638 3010 ext. 1051 –

Other times: 638 3010 – Ask to speak to Pharmacist (Lindsey Tabin) or ER Nurse can access prepackaged medication from pharmacy.

## **Swan River Valley Hospital Pharmacy**

Swan River

1011 Main St. East

Regular hours: 734 6635 (Pharmacy) Jeffery Leadbeater

Other Times: 734 3441 ext. 3068 – Ask to speak to Nursing Supervisor. If suspension required and pharmacist not available defer to Dauphin or Tache Pharmacy in Winnipeg.

## **Thompson Region**

### ***Thompson General Hospital Pharmacy***

871 Thompson Drive S

Regular hours: 677-5306

Other times: 677-2381 (Main Switchboard) – Ask for Administration on call to release prepackage medication.

- If suspension is required and regular pharmacist not available, please contact the Shopper's Drug Mart Pharmacy, Thompson at 778 8391

## **Norman Region:**

### ***Flin Flon General Hospital Pharmacy***

Regular hours 687 9642

Other times 687 6431 – Ask for Nursing Supervisor to release prepackaged medication or to contact pharmacists, if suspension required. If pharmacist not available call Flin Flon General Hospital or Tache pharmacy in Winnipeg.