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## College Council

Have you considered becoming involved with the CDM Council? The Council is the governing body for the College and is made up of directors who are either members of the public or registered dietitians with CDM.

To reflect the diversity of registrants and the population of Manitoba, Council is seeking broader representation from dietitians throughout the province and across genders, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and cultural backgrounds.

Please think about putting your name forward and watch for the call for nominations in the late summer.

## Restoring Safe Services — Phase 3

Effective June 21, 2020, [Phase 3](#) of the Government of Manitoba reopening plan includes a lifting of occupancy limits for all regulated and non-regulated health professions. Measures to ensure that members of the public are reasonably able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from others must be implemented except for brief exchanges.

The College of Dietitians of Manitoba continues to encourage dietitians to use virtual care, where feasible and appropriate to meet patient/client care needs, particularly for clients at risk of severe outcomes of COVID-19 including:

- people aged 65 years and older,
- those with compromised immune systems,
- and/or those with underlying medical conditions.

If virtual care is not in the client's best interest, dietitians must continue to adhere to the [guidance](#) to dietitians with respect to reopening and personal protective equipment that was issued by the College on June 9, 2020.

Dietitians employed by a facility/regional health authority, must follow the guidance of their employer/team, including access to and appropriate use of personal protective equipment for staff and patients/clients.

For reference:

[CDM Practice Direction](#) for Electronic Practice  
[Guidance Document on Telepractice](#) (Manitoba Alliance of Health Regulatory Colleges)

Until further notice, the CDM office is closed to walk-in traffic but continues to operate via telephone, email and regular mail.

Our regular business hours are 9am-3pm Monday through Friday.

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## Collaborative Care Practice Direction

The College of Dietitians of Manitoba worked in partnership with several health regulators in Manitoba to develop a joint practice direction on [Interprofessional Collaborative Care](#). Collaboration is the premise of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) and is an expectation of all regulated health professionals. Collaboration is also addressed in our standards and code of ethics.

The Practice Direction lays out the broad expectations of collaborative care for all members of the health care team, which includes the client, and is based on the Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CIHC) Interprofessional Competency Framework.

## NEW Jurisprudence Learning Module

It is important that all health professionals have an understanding of jurisprudence: the laws and standards that relate to their practice. Many health regulatory colleges have jurisprudence programs to provide education for their registrants and help ensure that they practice within the boundaries of the law.

The College of Dietitians recently collaborated with several other health regulators in Manitoba to develop a shared jurisprudence learning module on the topic of social media. We anticipate that the learning module will be launched to CDM registrants in the late summer/ early fall for completion by January 31, 2021 as a component of the Continuing Competence program.



## Practice Question — Displaying Certificate of Registration

### Question

I was under the impression that dietitians are required to display their certificate of registration in their workplace. Now that a public registry is available online, is this still a requirement?

### Response

Dietitians in Manitoba are no longer required to display their certificate of registration in their workplace. The [Licence Check-Dietitian Registry](#) provides the most current information regarding registration status and any restrictions or conditions on a dietitian's licence.

You can certainly print a copy of your licence for display, however members of the public, employers and insurance providers should be encouraged to use the Licence Check-Dietitian Registry on the CDM website.

IF IN DOUBT, CALL THE COLLEGE. The College strives to support RDs in all areas of dietetic practice. If you have any questions or concerns about practice issues, please feel free to contact Heidi Wong RD (Professional Practice Coordinator) at the College via email [profpractice@collegeofdietitiansmb.ca](mailto:profpractice@collegeofdietitiansmb.ca) Knowing your questions and concerns will assist the College in preparing future education materials, such as those found in this newsletter.