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*Allied Health Care Professionals Recognition Week is May 10th – 16th. MAHCP calls for increased staffing alongside rising ICU numbers.*

**Winnipeg, MB** May 10th, 2021 –This week is Allied Health Care Professionals Recognition Week in Manitoba, a time to stand up for the frontline folks who are there for us every day.

Allied Health are the professionals working in 190 specialized health care disciplines - a full list is located here. Every one of these 190 disciplines is essential to keep Manitoba health care working for Manitobans.

“We want to celebrate our Allied Health Care Members and the phenomenal commitment they show every day to their work and their patients, even in the face of a global pandemic,” said Bob Moroz, President of the Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals (MAHCP).

“But we also need to take this time to recognize that these folks are burning out. A pat on the back doesn’t go very far when many of our members are facing critical staffing shortages every single day. If we truly want to show them appreciation, then the Manitoba Government needs to come up with a plan to address the chronic understaffing that is putting the entire health care system at risk.”

Understaffing in Allied Health is not a new issue but represents an immediate concern as our already taxed healthcare system navigates a growing third wave of the pandemic and ICUs near capacity. Allied Health Care Professionals like Respiratory Therapists and many others are essential to caring for ICU patients and sustaining all critical health services during the pandemic.

MAHCP calls on the Manitoba Government today to recognize our Allied Health Care Professionals in a meaningful way with a plan to immediately reduce staffing shortages and secure our health care system for all Manitobans.

*The Manitoba Association of Health Care Professionals is the union representing over 6500 members from all over Manitoba. MAHCP represents 85% of Allied Health Care Professionals in Manitoba, working in more than 190 disciplines in health care settings across the province.*

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