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Info Bulletin

RHA Central proceeds with Evacuation of Seven Regions Health Centre

Southport - MB – April 13, 2011: The Regional Health Authority – Central Manitoba Inc. (RHA Central) continues to coordinate its flood plans related to the Region's health sites/services. With flooding concerns and rising water levels of the Whitemud River, clients are being evacuated from the Seven Regions Health Centre (Gladstone) on April 13 after which there will be no public access until the site is safe for reentry.

Clients are being relocated temporarily to the Third Crossing Manor located within the community of Gladstone. RHA Central is working with families and stakeholders to implement a well-organized client transfer. Primary health care services housed in the Seven Regions site (including public health/Families First, home care, mental health, rehab, diagnostics, physician offices, nutrition services, etc). are being relocated within the community. Medical appointments with physicians are being cancelled today until the medical clinic is relocated in the community. This decision is very much in the best interest and safety of clients, employees and the public alike.

We ask that the public not call or present to the Seven Regions Health Care Centre. A level of security will be maintained during the evacuation. All RHA Central services will resume as soon as it is safe and possible to do so. Until then:

- **For emergency services at any time, dial 9-1-1 or visit the closest appropriate facility.**
- **For health questions, call Health Links – Info Santé at 1 888 315-9257**

Ongoing updates will be provided through various mediums including the RHA Central website, www.rha-central.mb.ca, as well as radio updates. General/media enquiries about health facilities and services should be directed to RHA Central Corporate Communications (248-7250).

Recognizing that these are challenging times, the RHA Central thanks you in advance for your patience and understanding. We again take this opportunity to acknowledge health care staff, stakeholders and partners for their dedication and support as we work together in ensuring continued safe, quality health care.

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Resource Support Lines:

- *Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line: 1-866-367-3276*
- *Mental Health Crisis Service: 1-866-588-1697*
- *Klinik: 1-888-322-3019*
- *Mental Health Intake: 1-888-310-4593*