

Hello LTCAM Members,

On Behalf of Sue Vovchuk, Executive Director of the Long Term Care Association of Manitoba, we are pleased to share some important weekly updates.

**Monika Warren, Chief Operating Officer Provincial Health Services and Chief Nursing Officer, Shared Health is asking for creative solutions to respond to Surge Protocols when the system is under maximum pressure to increase capacity in long term care to ease pressure on acute care. Any and all ideas are welcome. Please contact Sue Vovchuk @ [svovchuk@ltdcam.mb.ca](mailto:svovchuk@ltdcam.mb.ca).**

**Out and About - LTCAM Representatives at Premier Wab Kinew's Fundraiser:** Zane Colt, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, LTCAM, and Sue Vovchuk, Executive Director, attended a fundraiser for Premier Wab Kinew on December 1 at the Fairmount Hotel.



**Webinar by Canada Career Immigration (CCI):** LTCAM hosted a webinar presented by CCI, focusing on how CCI can benefit members working with Canada's temporary foreign worker program. [Link to Webinar](#)

#### **Enterprise Canada Survey:**

We kindly request your participation in a crucial survey by Enterprise Canada, the influential government relations firm that guided LTCAM and its members through the intricate landscape of the 2023 Manitoba Provincial Election. Your input through this 4-question survey will shape our collective strategies and endeavours. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and experiences by completing the 4-question survey through this [link](#).

#### **This Week's News**

1. **Manitoba Government Adding New Acute Care Beds:** The Manitoba government is adding new acute care beds at Grace Hospital to reduce emergency room congestion and improve patient care. [Link to Manitoba News Release](#)
2. **Trish Tutton's Holiday Anxiety Relief Strategies:** Trish Tutton, a speaker at the upcoming LTCAM conference, shares strategies to manage holiday anxiety through a 5-step process. [Link to Trish Tutton's Blog](#)

3. **Launch of Canada's 988 Hotline for Mental Health Crisis:** Canada launches the 988 Hotline, offering access to suicide prevention services through calls or texts 24/7 and free of charge. [Link to CBC News](#)
4. **Update on 2024 Registration Renewal for Nurses:**
  - The College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba closed the 2024 registration renewal period and is finalizing all information for accuracy.
  - Updates will be completed by December 11, 2023, on Nurse Check and the Employer Verification System.
  - Registrants who missed the deadline were offered conditional renewal until February 1, 2024, upon submission of required background checks.
5. **Enterprise Canada's Review of Manitoba Fiscal Update:** Mike McKinnon of Enterprise Canada shared updates regarding Manitoba's fiscal report, emphasizing a larger-than-expected deficit and various contributing factors. [Link to Fiscal Report](#)
6. **Bill C-295:** The motion is scheduled for passing the bill today December 6.
7. **Manitoba Government Releases Five-Year Review of Accessibility for Manitobans Act:** The Manitoba government tabled the second independent review of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act. The report included recommendations for better act implementation and government leadership. [Link to Accessibility Review](#)
8. **Statement from Families Minister Nahanni Fontaine on National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women:** Minister Nahanni Fontaine acknowledges the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, emphasizing the importance of actively opposing misogyny. [Link to Manitoba New Release](#)
9. **Health Canada's Authorization of Updated Novavax Vaccine:** Health Canada approved Novavax's updated COVID-19 vaccine targeting the XBB.1.5 variant. The vaccine, Nuvaxovid, employs a protein subunit approach, using harmless virus pieces to stimulate the immune system. This differs from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna's mRNA technology-based vaccines targeting the XBB variant. John C. Jacobs, Novavax's president and CEO, hailed the expanded authorization as supporting Canada's commitment to battling current COVID-19 variants. [City News - December 5, 2023](#)
10. **Salmonella Outbreak Linked to Cantaloupes:**

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is investigating a Salmonella outbreak linked to Malichita and Rudy brand cantaloupes, collaborating with federal and provincial health partners and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC Link](#)) as well as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ([FDA Link](#)). CFIA issued recalls for these brands and related produce like honeydew, pineapple, watermelon, and various fruit trays ([CFIA Recall Notice](#)).

PHAC's Public Health Notice ([PHAC Notice](#)) advises against consuming these cantaloupes and related products, emphasizing vigilance for adults over 65 years old and long-term care homes. The outbreak has led to 19 hospitalizations and one fatality, prompting caution. PHAC recommends cleaning all surfaces and storage areas that might have come in contact with these cantaloupes. They encourage affected individuals not to cook food for others if diagnosed with a Salmonella infection or any gastrointestinal

illness.

For additional information and resources:

Risks of salmonellosis ([Salmonella Risks](#))

PHAC subscription service for outbreak updates ([PHAC Subscription](#))

### Conference 2024 Healing Hearts and Minds:

1. Thank you to our dedicated Members who've registered for the LTCAM Conference on May 14, 2024. [Invoicing starts in January 2024](#), and 43 of 89 booths are already claimed. Secure your spot at this transformative event by registering now using the [online form](#). Join us for enriching discussions and networking opportunities. Don't miss out!

2. Safety Den - Innovate Workplace Health and Safety

Calling all innovators! Do you have an idea that can revolutionize workplace health and safety in the long-term care sector? Safety Den welcomes your innovative ideas in two categories: Workplace Safety Innovation and Commercial Safety Innovation. Pitch your ideas to our "Dragons" for a chance to win cash prizes and recognition. Category 1 invites ideas from workplaces providing care and services to seniors, while Category 2 welcomes ideas from organizations. Submit your innovative safety ideas by March 15, 2024, detailing the concept's impact, benefits, and improvements in workplace safety. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference! Apply [here](#) and get ready to pitch to our esteemed panel at the conference.

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