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STATEMENT ON THE CIRCULATION OF FRAUDULENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MANITOBA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND COVID-19 VACCINES

The Manitoba Human Rights Commission (“The Commission”) has been made aware of fraudulent pamphlets being circulated across Manitoba that have the appearance of being issued by the Commission. The pamphlets include the Commission’s logo and information about *The Human Rights Code* and **misinformation** regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. The Commission warns the public that these pamphlets are fake, have not been issued by us, and contain content regarding COVID-19 vaccines that is **false**. The public should not rely on this information. We ask that the public destroy any pamphlets in their possession and/or cease distribution of the pamphlets.

In this unprecedented time, **it is important that the public rely on information from credible sources**. The best sources of information about COVID-19 vaccines is our public health officials, the COVID-19 vaccine website: <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html>, or your medical practitioner. The best sources of information on human rights in Manitoba is the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. Please visit our website at www.manitobahumanrights.ca. You may also contact us by email at hrc@gov.mb.ca or call us at (204) 945-3007 or 1-888-884-8681 Toll-Free in Manitoba.

The Commission recognizes the **critical role that COVID-19 vaccines play in protecting the health and well-being of our communities**. Growing vaccination rates have led to a corresponding drop in COVID-19 transmission, lower hospitalization rates and fewer deaths. Increased vaccination rates safeguard human rights by protecting individuals most at risk of severe COVID-19 related outcomes and reduce the need for restrictive public health measures.

With respect to human rights considerations and COVID-19 vaccines, the Commission recently issued a *Guideline on Human Rights and COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements*. Individuals who are seeking information on this issue are encouraged to review this Guideline, which can be found at <http://www.manitobahumanrights.ca/v1/education-resources/resources/guidelines.html> or contact the Manitoba Human Rights Commission directly for more information.

If you are concerned that you have received fraudulent or unreliable information on COVID-19 and human rights bearing the logo or visual identity of the Commission, please report it to the Commission.

For media enquiries, please contact the Commission at hrc@gov.mb.ca or (204) 945-3007.