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ATTENTION Safe Grad Committees:

Update on Safe Grad Manitoba

Public health has received many questions about community parades organized outside of schools. Public health has shared the following guidance with public health inspectors. Please share with your Grad Committees as you feel necessary:

Schools must adhere to Bulletin #11 for their graduation events/distribution of diplomas.

If schools are aware of community or parent groups planning for parades as separate events from the distribution of diplomas, public health has reiterated that in the public health orders, a gathering means a grouping of persons in general proximity to each other who have assembled for a common purpose or reason, regardless of whether it occurs in public or at a private residence or on other private property. Multiple groups of five who have gathered for the same purpose are not currently allowed, this includes on floats and in marshalling areas for a parade. Under the current public health orders, gatherings of more than five persons at an outdoor public place are prohibited. There is an exception outlined in order 2(3) that states:

This order does not apply to an organized outdoor gathering or event which persons attend in a motor vehicle if all persons remain in their motor vehicle or stay immediately outside their vehicle in a manner that ensures that they are able to maintain a separation of at least two metres from other persons attending the gathering or event who arrived in another vehicle.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darren Thomas".

Darren Thomas, Chairman
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