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Dear Durhane Wong-Rieger:

Your letter regarding Manitoba's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and your concerns regarding the impact on those living with rare or chronic diseases has been referred to me for response on behalf of Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen.

Thank you for sharing the survey results regarding the impact of COVID-19 on rare disease patients and families. Your survey respondents identified that they experienced limited, delayed and denied testing, medical services, surgeries, rehabilitation therapy, supportive care and medicines. This information will be shared by Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living in response to any individual inquiries that concern rare or chronic diseases, and will also be shared with Manitoba's health system leaders for their distribution and use in planning for potential future waves of COVID-19.

We appreciate the information you have shared with us. These are unprecedented times and collaborative efforts are required of all Manitobans to ensure the safety of our families, friends and communities. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Teresa Mrozek
Assistant Deputy Minister

c Honourable Cameron Friesen