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To: SCO Membership
From: Arlene Miller, NIRO Representative, SCO
Date: July 15, 2020
Re: SHA Reminds Regulatory Professionals to Remain Vigilant with COVID-19

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is reminding and urging residents to remain vigilant as COVID-19 cases increase in our province. Residents are urged to continue following public health measures and personal safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including following physical distancing guidelines to maintain 2 metres of separation, implementing proper hygiene practices, and complying with provincial health orders, including limiting the size of outdoor gatherings to 30.

All licensed professionals regulated in our province are expected to follow these same SHA guidelines in fulfilling our primary mandate, which is to serve and protect the public. SHA has given the responsibility to all regulatory bodies to recommend and encourage the public to follow these health measures and personal safety precautions while leading by example.

The general rule is that when physical distancing is an issue, PPE is important for both health care providers and patients. Health care providers should take all measures possible to mitigate risks of the virus spreading. These measures include asking patients to wear masks and limiting the number of patients sitting in a waiting room or visiting a clinic. To date, the public health order does not list mask-wearing as mandatory for patients when they visit a clinic, although they are encouraged to do so. If health professionals and the public do not remain vigilant with these practices, a health order making masks mandatory may be evident in the future.

Let's do our part...stay safe, everyone!