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The Honourable Jon Gerrard, P.C., M.D.
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Dear Dr. Gerrard:

Thank you for your letter regarding the use of ivermectin in treating COVID-19 and the supply status of this drug in Manitoba. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

While Manitoba and other provinces and territories work together to identify critical drug shortages, Health Canada ultimately is responsible for the drug approval process in Canada and for solving countrywide drug shortages.

Ivermectin is sold in Manitoba under the brand names Rosiver and Stromectol. Effective January 21, 2021, Stromectol was listed as an active shortage in Canada, currently with an expected resolution date of December 31, 2021. Rosiver is not reported as being short.

If Manitoba experiences an increased demand for ivermectin, Manitoba will work with Health Canada to ensure there is adequate supply for Manitobans.

Our government will continue to make evidence-based decisions to protect the health, safety and overall well-being of Manitobans, and entrusts decisions regarding medical practice and treatment of patients to experts in the health care field.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather Stefanson".

Heather Stefanson