

# Manitoba

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Laws

Feb 7: Manitoba announced that it has added 1,255 net-new healthcare workers as of December 2024, including 138 physicians, 481 nurses, 386 healthcare aides, and 176 allied health workers.

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Feb 18: Manitoba announced that it plans to create over 700 new affordable childcare spots across the province in locations where parents are working, including approximately 324 spaces in healthcare facilities and 384 new spaces in public schools and secondary institutions. The venture will be supported by federal funding.

### Workplace Harassment

Feb 1: Manitoba proclaimed and began enforcing new legislation called the [Safe Access to Abortion Services Act](#) banning protests, demonstrations, or picketing within buffer zones around abortion clinics to protect patients and providers against harassment and intimidation. Other facilities that provide surgical or medical abortion services such as hospitals, pharmacies, doctors' offices, and healthcare facilities may also request that a buffer zone be established around their sites. BC, Newfoundland, Québec, Ontario, Alberta, and Nova Scotia have also enacted legislation establishing abortion protest buffer zones.

**Action Point:** Find out how to implement a legally sound and effective [Workplace Harassment Prevention and Compliance Game Plan](#) at your workplace.

### Health & Safety

Feb 4: Public health officials notified the public that there have been 5 confirmed cases of measles in southern Manitoba, all connected to an outbreak in Ontario. The 5 victims are individuals who live within the same household, and are now isolating at home, who contacted infected people while traveling in Ontario.

**Action Point:** Find out how to create a legally and clinically sound workplace [exposure control plan](#) to protect your employees against the risk of measles, H5N1, COVID, or other infectious illnesses.