

Santé en français Welcomes Denis-Michel Thibeault as Executive Director

Winnipeg, August 31, 2026 – *Santé en français is proud to announce the appointment of Denis-Michel Thibeault as Executive Director. With extensive experience in management, communications, and community engagement, he joins the organization at a pivotal time for the advancement of French-language health and social services in Manitoba.*

Prior to joining Santé en français, Denis-Michel Thibeault served as Executive Director of Envol 91 FM, where he demonstrated unifying leadership and strategic vision. Under his direction, the francophone community radio station experienced a remarkable renewal, overcoming significant challenges and returning to a path of growth while strengthening its ties with the community and its partners. He was particularly recognized for his ability to navigate complex organizational challenges and build lasting collaborations.

Before moving into management, Denis-Michel Thibeault spent several years working in journalism, notably with Radio-Canada. This experience enabled him to develop a deep understanding of the realities facing francophone communities, a keen sense of listening, and a genuine curiosity that led him to become actively involved in Manitoba's francophone community. His commitment is reflected in his service on several boards of directors, including those of St. Boniface Hospital and the St. Boniface Museum.

Thanks to his diverse experience, his understanding of francophone issues, and his commitment to community development, Denis-Michel possesses all the qualities needed to help Santé en français pursue its mission. His leadership, ability to bring partners together around common goals, and desire to innovate will contribute to improving access to French-language health and social services for Manitobans.

"I am very pleased to join the Santé en français team. I am excited to begin this new chapter in my career. I am ready to put my experience at the service of the organization to advance the mission of Santé en français, strengthen partnerships, and contribute to improving access to safe, high-quality, and equitable French-language health and social services for Manitoba's francophone communities," shared Denis-Michel Thibeault.

The team and Board of Directors of Santé en français are delighted to welcome him to the organization and are confident that his expertise and energy will help build on the momentum already underway toward a system that is increasingly inclusive and accessible in French.

"We extend our warmest welcome to Denis-Michel. His professional background, commitment to Manitoba's francophone community, and leadership skills make him an excellent choice to lead Santé en français. We look forward to working with him to continue advancing our mission and bringing our vision for the future to life," said Diane Poiron-Toupin.

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About Santé en français

Santé en français works to ensure that Manitoba's francophone population can fully live their health journey in French. The organization provides collaborative leadership by mobilizing and supporting partners to improve access to French-language health and social services. Santé en français is one of the 16 provincial, territorial, and regional networks that make up the Société Santé en français. Since 2004, the organization has been designated by the Government of Manitoba as the official spokesperson for Manitoba's francophone community on matters related to health and social services.