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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #180**

Public health officials advise the current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 1.3 per cent and 15 new cases of the virus have been identified as of 9:30 a.m. today. This brings the total number of cases in Manitoba to 1,338.

The data shows:

- one case in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- six cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- one case in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- seven cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 412 active cases and 910 individuals have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 13 people in hospital and three people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 16.

Preliminary laboratory testing numbers show an additional 596 tests were completed on Sunday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 146,064.

Preliminary case investigations indicate that five of the cases are related to close contacts. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Public health officials strongly encourage Manitobans to return to the fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This means staying home if you're sick, washing/sanitizing your hands, covering your cough and physically distancing when you are with people outside your household. If you cannot physically distance, wear a mask.

Unless recommended by public health, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing. Individuals with symptoms are asked to seek testing as soon as possible once symptoms are present. Employers are asked to only send employees for testing if they have symptoms or if testing has been recommended by public health officials.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

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