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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #182**

Public health officials advise the current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 1.3 per cent and 16 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 1,365.

The data shows:

- one case in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- one case in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 14 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 404 active cases and 945 individuals have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 12 people in hospital and three people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 16.

Preliminary investigations indicate that several of today's Winnipeg cases are close contacts of known cases and are not linked to any current outbreaks. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Confirmed laboratory testing numbers show 653 tests were completed on Tuesday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 149,188.

Public Health is advising of a possible exposure to COVID-19 may have occurred on Sept 2. to 5 at the Tim Horton's located at 3296 Portage Ave. in Winnipeg. Times of exposures are listed online and can be found at

www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event.

The Keystone Centre Specimen Collection Site in Brandon will close permanently after Sept. 12. Those seeking testing are advised to visit the Brandon Town Centre site. For all testing site locations visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html.

As students, teachers and staff return to school this week, public health officials strongly encourage all Manitobans to return to the fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This means staying home if you are 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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