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COVID-19 BULLETIN #185

Public health officials advise the current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 1.4 per cent and 15 new cases of the virus have been identified as of 9:30 a.m. today, bringing the number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 1,393.

The data shows:

- four cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- three cases in Southern Health-Santé Sud; and
- eight cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 287 active cases and 1,090 individuals have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 12 people in hospital and four people in intensive care; and
- the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 16.

Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Confirmed laboratory testing numbers show 1,457 tests were completed on Thursday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 151,807.

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

Winnipeg community area data is now available at [Manitoba.ca/COVID19](https://www.manitoba.ca/COVID19). The city is divided into 12 community areas and, like the health districts, data regarding active and recovered cases, deaths and total cases is available. This information serves to inform the public and guide decision-making.

Public health officials are advising of a potential exposure to COVID-19 that may have occurred on Sept. 1 at the GRMC Vision Centre, [20-144 6th St.](#), Brandon, [between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.](#) The exposure risk is low, but those who visited this location at this time are asked to monitor for symptoms.

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're sick, washing/sanitizing your hands, covering your cough and physically distancing when you are with people outside your household. If you can't 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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