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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #190**

Public health officials advise the current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 1.4 per cent and 17 new cases of the virus have been identified as of 9:30 a.m. today, bringing the number of cases in Manitoba to 1,466.

The data shows:

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

The data also shows:

- 269 active cases and 1,181 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.

One case identified today is a health-care worker connected to the outbreak at Bethesda Place. There are now 14 cases – eight staff and six residents. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Preliminary laboratory testing numbers show 1,447 on Monday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 157,440. As testing sites respond to testing volumes, some sites that were previously open are now closed. The up-to-date list of open testing sites and hours of operation can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/testing.html.

Public health is advising the following possible exposures:

- St. Aidan's Christian School located at 400 Hargrave St. in Winnipeg on Thursday, Sept. 10 and Friday, Sept. 11. The individual was asymptomatic and followed all public health measures that were put in place at the school. The public health investigation indicates the infection was not acquired at school. The school community has been notified. Additional cleaning of high-touch areas is being undertaken out of an abundance of caution. Any close contacts connected to the case have been identified, contacted and advised to self-isolate. Others who were at the site do not need to self-isolate, but should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. The site is not being elevated on the Pandemic Response System, given the limited number of contacts identified.
- Actionmarguerite located at 185 Despins St. in Winnipeg on Thursday, Sept. 10 involving a health-care worker at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority care home. This information has been shared with families and staff. Investigation is ongoing. While the risk is assessed to be low, Actionmarguerite has initiated outbreak protocols in an abundance of caution and put additional measures in place to further reduce the risk to residents and staff, and are restricting visitation. The facility has moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

Case investigations indicate a previously identified case in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is linked to the Health and Transition Services unit at St. Amant's 440 River Rd. location in Winnipeg. Information has been shared with families and staff. Close contacts are being identified and case investigations are continuing. While the risk is assessed to be low, the site has initiated outbreak protocols in an abundance of caution. The location has also put additional measures in place to further reduce the risk to residents and staff. St. Amant has moved to Critical (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

Public health officials strongly encourage all Manitobans to focus on 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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