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## COVID-19 BULLETIN #291

Public health officials advise 13 additional deaths in people with COVID-19 have been reported today, including:

- a female in her 50s from the Northern health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Prairie Mountain Health region, linked to an outbreak at the Grandview Personal Care Home in Grandview;
- a male in his 90s from the Southern Health-Santé Sud region,
- a male in his 30s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at St. Amant;
- a female in her 40s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Holy Family Home;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region linked to an outbreak at the Charleswood Care Centre;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at the GA3 unit at Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region; and
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at the Charleswood Care Centre.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 12.2 per cent provincially and 11.4 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 229 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 22,859.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 16 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 27 cases in the Northern health region;
- 17 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;

- 39 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 130 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 5,749 active cases and 16,541 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
  - there are 302 people in hospital with 43 people in intensive care due to COVID-19;
- and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 569.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,261 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 403,737. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Possible exposure locations are listed online by region at the province's #RestartMB Pandemic Response System webpage. For up-to-date information on possible public exposures to COVID-19 in regions, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/flights.html#event) and click on your region.

The chief provincial public health officer urges Manitobans to only leave their homes for essential purposes. When leaving the house to obtain essentials, be sure to physically distance, wear a mask in indoor public places and avoid crowded spaces. Do not leave the home if you are sick, or when any member of your family is sick. Further, do not socialize with anyone from outside your household.

Additional data related to COVID-19, including data on outbreaks as well as some downloadable and historic data can be found at <https://manitoba.ca/openmb/datamb/>. Updated enforcement statistics are posted online weekly. For more information, go to the Cross-Departmental Reports section at <https://manitoba.ca/openmb/infomb/departments/index.html>.

Public health officials are also advising that if anyone is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate pending COVID-19 test results. For health-care workers, exceptions may apply and staff may be able/required to report to work after contacting their workplace occupational

health services or designate. For information on self-isolation, including exceptions, visit [www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html).

The online COVID-19 self-assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> and COVID-19 symptoms can be found at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.html>.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit [www.manitoba.ca/COVID19](http://www.manitoba.ca/COVID19).

For up-to-date information on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit: <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/index.html>.

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