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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #294**

Public health officials advise 15 additional deaths in people with COVID-19 have been reported today including:

- a male in his 70s from the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- a male in his 80s from the Interlake–Eastern health region, linked to an outbreak at Kin Place in Oakbank;
- a female in her 70s from the Northern health region;
- a male in his 70s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region;
- a female in her 70s from the Southern Health – Santé Sud health region, linked to an outbreak at the Portage District General Hospital Medical Unit in Portage la Prairie;
- a male in his 80s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region, linked to an outbreak at Morris General Hospital in Morris;
- a male in his 40s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 40s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at an outbreak at Grace Hospital Unit 3 North;
- a female in her 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at the Poseidon Care Centre;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Park Manor Care Home;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at the Poseidon Care Centre; and
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Oakview Place personal care home.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10.4 per cent provincially and 10.2 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 201 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 23,381.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 15 cases in the Interlake-Eastern health region;
- 31 cases in the Northern health region;
- 14 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 23 cases in the Southern Health-Santé Sud health region; and
- 118 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,427 active cases and 18,349 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
 - there are 259 people in hospital with 37 people in intensive care due to COVID-19;
- and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 605.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,208 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 409,443. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

The outbreak at Grace Hospital, Unit 3 South in Winnipeg has been declared over.

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 and click on your region.

The chief provincial public health officer reminds Manitobans to immediately self-isolate at the onset of possible COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild. This means staying home from work, school or other daily activities. Testing should be done as soon as possible once symptoms appear. For information on COVID-19 symptoms and guidance on when you should get tested, visit <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/symptoms.html>.

Manitobans should 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.

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.

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

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