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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #296**

Public health officials advise 28 additional deaths in people with COVID-19 have been reported today for the period from Dec. 24 to 27 including:

- a female in her 30s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 60s from the Northern health region;
- a male in his 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 60s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Poseidon Care Centre;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Poseidon Care Centre;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Charleswood Care Centre;
- a male in his 70s from the Northern health region;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Fred Douglas Lodge;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Convalescent Home of Winnipeg;
- a female in her 80s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Charleswood Care Centre;
- a male in his 80s from the Interlake–Eastern health region, linked to an outbreak at Kin Place in Oakbank;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Convalescent Home of Winnipeg;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Holy Family Home;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Oakview Place Personal Care Home;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Park Manor

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- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Poseidon Care Centre;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 90s from the Northern health region, linked to an outbreak at George Colon Memorial home in Bunibonibee Cree Nation;
- a female in her 90s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region, linked to an outbreak at Portage District General Hospital;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Holy Family Home;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at St. Norbert Personal Care Home;
- a male in his 90s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region;
- a male in his 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Convalescent Home of Winnipeg;
- a female in her 100s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at St. Norbert Personal Care Home; and
- a female in her 100s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Convalescent Home of Winnipeg.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 12.1 per cent provincially and 12.5 per cent in Winnipeg. Between 9:30 a.m. Dec. 24 and 9:30 a.m. today, 524 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 24,145.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 96 cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- 101 cases in the Northern health region;
- 24 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 58 cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 245 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,488 active cases and 19,012 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 252 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 89 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 341 hospitalizations;
- there are 31 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as four people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care for a total of 35 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 645.

Laboratory testing numbers show 4,238 tests were completed between Dec. 24 and 26, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 415,859. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

An outbreak has been declared at the Boyne Lodge Personal Care Home in Carman. The site has been moved to Critical (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

In addition, the outbreaks have been declared over at Misericordia Health Centre Transitional Care Unit and at Headingley Correctional Centre.

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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