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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #297**

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

- a male in his 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Holy Family Home;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Convalescent Home of Winnipeg;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Poseidon Care Centre;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Poseidon Care Centre;
- a female in her 90s from the Interlake–Eastern health region, linked to an outbreak at Kin Place in Oakbank;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Holy Family Home; and
- a male in his 90s from the Prairie Mountain health region, linked to an outbreak at Grandview Personal Care Home.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 12.6 per cent provincially and 12.4 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 107 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 24,252.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 10 cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- 18 cases in the Northern health region;
- 12 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 24 cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 43 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,442 active cases and 19,156 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 250 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 93 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 343 hospitalizations;
- there are 33 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 37 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 654.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,076 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 416,970. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

An outbreak has been declared at the St. Paul's Personal Care Home in The Pas. The site has been moved to Critical (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

In addition, the outbreaks have been declared over at Seven Oaks Hospital 5U4-7.

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 self-isolate immediately 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 be 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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