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**COVID-19  
BULLETIN #298**

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

- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at the Holy Family Home;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Oakview Extended Care Facility;
- a female in her 90s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region, linked to the outbreak at the Portage District General Hospital; and
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region and linked to the outbreak at the Convalescent Home.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 12.4 per cent provincially and 12.1 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 133 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 24,385.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- six cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- three cases in the Northern health region;
- five cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 22 cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 97 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,424 active cases and 19,302 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 246 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 92 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 338 hospitalizations;
- there are 32 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 36 ICU patients; and

- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 659.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,371 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 418,344. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Outbreaks have been declared at the Health Science Centre unit GA4 and Riverview Health Centre, both in Winnipeg. The sites have been moved to Critical (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

In addition, the outbreak has been declared over at Tuxedo Villa Extendicare in Winnipeg.

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 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 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](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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