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**COVID-19  
BULLETIN #299**

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

- a female in her 70s from the Northern health region, linked to the outbreak at Thompson General Hospital MSP ward; and
- a female in her 80s from the Prairie Mountain Health region, linked to the outbreak at Fairview Personal Care Home.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 12.6 per cent provincially and 11.9 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 130 new cases of the virus have been identified. However, two cases were removed due to data correction and brings the net new cases to 128 and the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 24,513.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 11 cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- 11 cases in the Northern health region;
- eight cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- eight cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 92 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,444 active cases and 19,408 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 248 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 337 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 661.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,193 tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 419,542. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

An outbreak has been declared at the Benito Health Centre in Benito. The site has been moved to Critical (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

In addition, the outbreaks have been declared over at the Hamiota Health Centre in Hamiota and Rest Haven Personal Care Home and Bethesda Place, both in Steinbach.

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/>.

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>.

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>.

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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