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**COVID-19  
BULLETIN #302**

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

- a male in his 70s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region;
- a male in his 30s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Lions Housing Centres Personal Care Home;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region; and
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at the Convalescent Home of Winnipeg.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10.5 per cent provincially and 11.3 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 101 new cases of the virus have been identified. However, one case was removed due to data correction and brings the net new cases to 100 and the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 25,126.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

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

The data also shows:

- 4,461 active cases and 19,982 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 244 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 95 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 339 hospitalizations;
- there are 34 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as seven people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care

for a total of 41 ICU patients; and

- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 683.

Laboratory testing numbers show 995 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 426,105. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

An outbreak has been declared over at the St. Anthony's General Hospital Acute Care Inpatient Unit in The Pas.

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.

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/>.

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.

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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