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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #304**

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

- a female in her 30s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at River Ridge II Retirement Residence;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to an outbreak at Bethania Mennonite Personal Care Home; and
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10.7 per cent provincially and 11.8 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 118 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 25,244.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- seven cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- five cases in the Northern health region;
- seven cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 19 cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 80 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,423 active cases and 20,133 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 245 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 340 hospitalizations;

- there are 35 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as six 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 688.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,275 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 427,476. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

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

An outbreak has been declared over at the Beausejour Hospital in Beausejour.

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.

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.

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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