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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #305**

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

- a female in her 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 70s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 70s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 70s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region, linked to the outbreak at Le Chalet de la Broquerie Assisted Living facility;
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at the River East Personal Care Home;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at the River East Personal Care Home; and
- a male in his 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at the Holy Family Personal Care Home.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10.7 per cent provincially and 11.5 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 130 new cases of the virus have been identified, which brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 25,374.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 17 cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- 19 cases in the Northern health region;
- nine cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- eight cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 77 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,427 active cases and 20,252 individuals who have recovered from COVID-

19;

- there are 243 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 96 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 339 hospitalizations;
- there are 35 people in intensive care units with active COVID-19 as well as five people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care for a total of 40 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 695.

Laboratory testing numbers show 1,264 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February to 428,753. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

An outbreak has been declared at the WRS3 unit at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. The site has been moved to Critical (Red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

Outbreaks have been declared over at Morris General Hospital in Morris, the Rehabilitation and Surgery unit at Boundary Trails Health Centre in Winkler, the Northern Lights Manor in Flin Flon, as well as at Actionmarguerite St. Boniface, Actionmarguerite St. Joseph and Dakota House, all 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 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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