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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #308**

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

- a male in his 70s from Northern health region;
- a female in her 70s from Prairie Mountain Health, linked to the outbreak at Fairview Personal Care Home;
- a female in her 90s from Prairie Mountain Health, linked to the outbreak at Fairview Personal Care Home;
- a female in her 90s from Prairie Mountain Health;
- a male in his 50s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 50s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 50s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Health Science Centre GH4;
- a female in her 60s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at the Southeast Personal Care Home; and
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 10.1 per cent provincially and 10.3 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 222 new cases of the virus have been identified. However, one was removed due to a data correction making the net new total 221. This brings the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 25,963.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 16 cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- 69 cases in the Northern health region;
- 27 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;

- 13 cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 97 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 4,582 active cases and 20,655 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- there are 227 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 88 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 315 hospitalizations;
- there are 31 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 35 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 726.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,386 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February 2020 to 435,227. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Public health officials advise COVID-19 outbreaks have been declared at Actionmarguerite St. Vital in Winnipeg, Menno Home Personal Care Home in Grunthal and Lions Prairie Manor in Portage la Prairie. The sites have been moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System

Outbreaks have been declared over at Eastview Place in Altona, Portage District General Hospital Medicine Unit in Portage la Prairie and Villa Youville Personal Care Home in Ste. Anne.

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 be 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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