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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #309**

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

- a male in his 50s from the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region;
- a male in his 40s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a male in his 60s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 80s from the Winnipeg health region;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre;
- a female in her 90s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Deer Lodge Centre; and
- a female in her 100s from the Winnipeg health region, linked to the outbreak at Oakview Place Personal Care Home.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 9.9 per cent provincially and 9.4 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 203 new cases of the virus have been identified, bringing the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 26,166.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

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

The data also shows:

- 4,664 active cases and 20,769 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;

- there are 229 people in hospital with active COVID-19 as well as 84 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require care, for a total of 313 hospitalizations;
- there are 33 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 37 ICU patients; and
- the total number of deaths due to COVID-19 is 733.

Laboratory testing numbers show 2,181 tests were completed yesterday bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February 2020 to 437,412. Case investigations continue and if a public health risk is identified, the public will be notified.

Public health officials advise a COVID-19 outbreak has been declared at the Samaritan House Ministry Safe and Warm Shelter in Brandon. The site has been moved to Critical (red) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

Outbreaks have been declared over at Rod McGillivray Memorial Care Home in Opaskweyak Cree Nation and Riverview Health Centre 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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