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**COVID-19
BULLETIN #455**

Public health officials advise two new deaths in people with COVID-19 have been reported today:

- a male in his 60s from the Interlake–Eastern health region, linked to the B.1.1.7 variant of concern; and
- a male in his 80s from the Winnipeg health region.

The current five-day COVID-19 test positivity rate is 12 per cent provincially and 12.6 per cent in Winnipeg. As of 9:30 a.m. today, 237 new cases of the virus have been identified. However, three cases have been removed due to data correction. This brings the net-new number of cases today to 234 and the total number of lab-confirmed cases in Manitoba to 53,153.

Today's COVID-19 data shows:

- 13 cases in the Interlake–Eastern health region;
- 21 cases in the Northern health region.
- 17 cases in the Prairie Mountain Health region;
- 42 cases in the Southern Health–Santé Sud health region; and
- 144 cases in the Winnipeg health region.

The data also shows:

- 3,836 active cases and 48,238 individuals who have recovered from COVID-19;
- 336 Manitobans hospitalized with COVID-19 in Manitoba and neighbouring provinces including:
 - 222 people in hospital in Manitoba with active COVID-19 as well as 78 people in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious, amounting to a total of 300 hospitalizations;
 - a total of 104 Manitoba patients receiving intensive care for COVID-19

including:

- o 51 people in intensive care units in Manitoba with active COVID-19 as well as 17 people with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious but continue to require critical care, amounting to a total of 68 ICU patients in Manitoba; and

- o 36 Manitoba patients in intensive care units outside the province, with 33 in Ontario, one in Saskatchewan and two in Alberta;

- 17 patients previously receiving care in an out of province ICU have now been returned to Manitoba hospitals including one who was repatriated yesterday;

- 1,993 laboratory tests were completed yesterday, bringing the total number of lab tests completed since early February 2020 to 789,759; and

- the total number of deaths in people with COVID-19 is 1,079.

Public health officials advise all public and independent kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in Dauphin will remain in remote learning until Monday, June 21.

Public health will review the situation at that time. The change has been recommended as COVID-19 case counts are elevated in the community.

Public health officials are reminding Manitobans that in most cases, they should only seek testing at a provincial test site if they are symptomatic or have been advised by public health that they are a close contact. This will help ensure those who need to be tested can continue to access testing as easily as possible. Manitobans have several options available to access testing, including drive-thru and walk-in sites, or by booking an appointment by calling 1-855-268-4318 or online at select sites at

www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/locations.html#appointment.

Additional data on variants of concern is updated from Tuesday to Saturday at <https://geoportal.gov.mb.ca/>. Data related to COVID-19, outbreaks and some downloadable and historic data can also be found at this site.

The outbreak is over at Donwood Manor 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.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, including the online screening tool, testing criteria and locations, self-isolation requirements, public health fundamentals and the provincial response level on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

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