

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Manitoba Health Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) & Shared Health (SH) Incident Management Situation Report

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Available data as of March 22, 2020 1600hrs

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GLOBAL CURRENT STATE (Source: John Hopkins Research Public Health– www.coronavirus.jhu.edu/map as of March 21, 2020 4:49 pm)

Total Confirmed Cases	Total Deaths	Total Recovered
329,299	14,380	95,656

CANADA CURRENT STATE (Source: Public Health Agency of Canada and *John Hopkins Research Public Health March 21, 2020)

Confirmed and probable cases	Deaths	Recovered
1371	19	* 18

Detailed provincial statistics can be found at PHAC website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

- **March 22, 2020:**
- Nova Scotia has declared state of emergency – all provinces in Canada have now declared some state of emergency.
- Prime Minister Justine Trudeau announced that House of Commons will be recalled on Tuesday at noon to pass emergency legislation.
- They are working with partners to reduce travel to northern communities to protect them from COVID-19.
- Today the Northwest Territories (NWT) will issue an order to stop nonessential travel to NWT, while ensuring essential goods get to people in these communities.
- Twenty-five million will go to teams across the country working on measure to detect, manage and reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Mobilizing industries to produce masks and ventilators.
- Working with Canadian airlines to make commercial flights more accessible to Canadians who are stranded abroad, and working with countries to ensure Canadian airlines have the permission to take these flights.
- To ensure information is getting to Canadians overseas, they are encouraged to register with Global Affairs Canada – www.travel.gc.ca
- Covid-19-related Health Emergency, State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declarations in Canada as of March 20th appear below:

Provinces / Territories	Emergency Status
Alberta	Public Health Emergency
British Columbia	Public Health Emergency
Manitoba	State of Emergency
New Brunswick	State of Emergency
Newfoundland & Labrador	Public Health Emergency
Northwest Territories	Public Health Emergency
Nova Scotia	State of Emergency
Nunavut	State of Public Health Emergency
Ontario	Declaration of Emergency
Prince Edward Island	Public Health Emergency
Quebec	Health Emergency
Saskatchewan	State of Emergency
Yukon	Public Health Emergency

MANITOBA CURRENT STATE

- Manitoba's Health system continues to focus on containment and response to COVID. Current information on Manitoba's response to COVID-19 can be found at <http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/>.

Confirmed and Probable Cases In Manitoba	Deaths	Recovered
19	0	0

- A new case was reported last evening from Winnipeg, bringing the number of lab-confirmed positive and presumptive positive cases in Manitoba to 19 at this time.
- To date all positive COVID-19 cases in Manitoba are travel related.

- **Manitobans are reminded of the importance of contacting their health-care provider for regular medical care. This includes making sure children are up-to-date on their routine childhood immunizations. This will reduce the risk of outbreaks of other communicable diseases during the pandemic. For more information, visit www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/div/schedules.html.**
- **Most Community Living disABILITY Services (CLDS) and Children's disABILITY Services (CDS) staff are working away from the office. Participants, families and service providers involved with these programs can continue to contact their community service workers via telephone and email to plan for services and staff are continuing to monitor their phone messages.**
- **If there is an urgent situation that requires an immediate response, contact the CLDS call centre toll-free line at 1-844-730-0105 or the CDS centre toll-free line at 1-844-805-0004 to speak with someone directly. Phone lines are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
- Public health officials advise an additional probable case of COVID-19 has been identified, bringing the number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive cases in Manitoba to 19 at this time. Case 19 is a woman in her 30s who lives in Winnipeg. At this time the public health investigation indicates the case is related to travel. Information about flights where a person with a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 had symptoms at the time of travel are updated as information becomes available at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/flights.html
- At this time, the public health orders apply to public places, not workplaces. However, workplaces should still follow good social distancing practices as recommended by public health including:
 - minimizing prolonged (more than 10 minutes), close (less than two meters/six feet) contact between other individuals in public;
 - avoiding greetings that involve touching such as handshakes;
 - disinfecting frequently used surfaces;
 - staying home if you are sick;
 - following public health advice related to self-monitoring and self-isolation if you have travelled or have been exposed to someone ill with the virus.
- The online screening tool is now available in an interactive voice response (IVR) format. It is not a replacement for Health Links–Info Santé. It is specifically for Manitobans who prefer to complete the screening tool by phone rather than online.
- A new community screening drive-thru site has opened in south Winnipeg at the Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) Bison Drive Service Centre. Hours for the site are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information on other sites is available at www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/locations.html.
- Any person concerned about their exposure to or risk of having COVID-19 should call Health Links–Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 before arriving at a testing site.
- For more information and to access the online screening tool for COVID-19, visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19.
- On March 20, 2020, the Manitoba government declared a province-wide state of emergency under The Emergency Measures Act to protect the health and safety of all Manitobans and reduce the spread of COVID-19. The State of Emergency will remain in effect for 30 days (April 19, 2020). Premier Brian Pallister indicated the move will enable Manitoba to react more quickly on a broad range of supportive services to stop the spread for COVID-19 and ensure that essential services are available for all Manitobans during this global health pandemic.
- The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer is issuing orders under The Public Health Act as approved by the Minister of Health Seniors and Active Living:
 - As authorized under The Public Health Act, the following measures will be in place, effective immediately, for a period of 30 days.
 1. Limiting public gatherings of more than 50 people at any indoor or outdoor place or premises. This includes places of worship, gatherings and family events such as weddings and funerals. This does not apply to a facility where health care or social services are provided. Retail businesses including grocery or food stores, shopping centres, pharmacies or gas stations must ensure separation of one to two metres between patrons assembling in the business. Public transportation facilities must also ensure that people assembling at the facility are reasonably able to maintain a separation of one to two metres from others assembling at the facility.
 2. Limiting hospitality premises where food or alcohol is served or any theatres offering live performances of music, dance and other art forms as movies theatres to 50 people or 50 per cent of the capacity of the premises, whichever is lesser. These establishments must be able to ensure social distance of one to two metres between customers.
 3. Immediate closures of all bingo and gaming events.
 4. All wellness centres offering physical activities, gyms, fitness centres and athletic clubs and training facilities shall be closed.
 - To ensure dedicated child-care spaces are available and prioritized for health-care and other essential front-line workers while also following public health recommendations for social distancing, the Manitoba government will:
 - establish a new \$18-million grant program to help early childhood educators affected by the suspension of child-care services in centres to have access to immediate funds to begin independently offering child-care services at their homes or in the community;
 - continue to provide licensed child-care centres with their full operating grants and subsidies, totaling up to \$7.6 million province wide, so that they can provide care for up to 16 children with first priority given to children of health-care and other essential workers;
 - invest \$2 million to create a trust that will provide capital grants to child-care providers to ensure safe, quality care; and encourage all centres to reimburse prepaid fees to parents for child care they can no longer access during this difficult time.
- Essential, front-line workers who need child-care options should call 204-945-0776 or (toll-free) 1-888-213-4754, or e-mail cdcinfo@gov.mb.ca. All questions about the new funding programs available to child-care centres and early childhood educators should be sent to ecagrant@gov.mb.ca.

- Public health is recommending that support services to seniors programs focused on providing congregate meals be suspended. At long-term care facilities and for assisted living, congregate meals follow public health recommendations on social distancing. Individuals who have returned from international travel in the past 14 days have been instructed to self-isolate or self-monitor. Those who are suffering from cold- or flu-like symptoms should not participate in congregate meal programs.
- Public health officials are recommending the immediate suspension of visitors in long-term care facilities across Manitoba. Exceptions for compassionate reasons or end of life will be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of individual facility managers.
- All adult day programs may continue, provided they comply with the recommendations of social distancing, appropriate screening and do not exceed the recommended restriction on social gatherings of more than 50 people. Individuals who have travelled internationally in the last 14 days, been instructed to self-isolate or self-monitor, or have cold- or flu-like symptoms should not participate in adult day programs.
- Work is underway to finalize guidelines for health-care and critical infrastructure workers who return from international travel to address any impacts on essential services. All physicians, health-care providers and support staff returning from international travel MUST self-identify to their organization or site's occupational health services.
- CancerCare Manitoba advises that patients with symptoms of a respiratory illness should not visit their sites. Instead, patients with symptoms should call their health-care team and follow their instructions on next steps. Cancer patients should check the website www.cancercare.mb.ca for regular updates to cancer patient information.

MANITOBA'S HEALTH SECTOR RESPONSE PLANNING UPDATE

<p>Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Care and Emergency Response Services and Long Term Care working groups have been established under the Planning Section to ensure the unique requirements of these care environments are taken into consideration. • MHSAL and Shared Health are working closely with First Nation, Inuit and Metis health partners and organizations to support planning and response efforts for COVID-19. • Efforts to mitigate risk to the health system as a consequence of social distancing measures are underway, including prioritization of virtual services, HR planning, plans for staff requiring child care to come to work, hardware/software and capacity of IT network. • In pursuit of a whole of government approach, an Assistant Deputy Minister Committee on BCP (Business Continuity Planning) has been established. The committee will be meeting regularly during this event to provide a consistent and coordinated approach to provincial business continuity planning. Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is hosting bi-weekly provincial teleconferences with provincial government stakeholders to facilitate expanding COVID-19 information sharing, response planning, and communications to key Government of Manitoba departments/programs and Critical Infrastructure partners.
<p>Operations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Operations to connect with regional Medical Officers of Health to contact made with Hutterite Colonies to ensure they are aware of the social distancing strategies. • Lanette Siragusa sent an email to reinforce the message that staff who are returning from international travel are to report with their managers to determine if they are essential or operationally required. Staff to connect with Occupational Health to make sure a staff-health-risk assessment is completed. Occupational health will determine staff's suitability to return back to work. Manager to follow this process to mitigate any risk to patients and staff. • In an effort to protect the isolated northern communities, First Nations Response Table and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs are limiting flying to these communities. • Planning unit has created a working group to develop a strategy to support prioritization of PPE including managing the current and future demands. • To protect the Health of patients staff and volunteers, visitor access at all Manitoba Hospitals has been suspended. Exceptions for compassionate reasons will remain the same. For pediatric patients one parent or guardian will be allowed to visit at a time following screening. • Additional ventilators have arrived in Winnipeg and will be distributed throughout the Health system to help care for critically ill patients across the province. The Province is awaiting shipment on more ventilators. • A new community testing site opened in Steinbach this morning. Located at 365 Reimer Ave., the site will operate as a drive-thru, with daily hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other locations throughout the province include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winnipeg – Access Winnipeg West (280 Booth Dr.), Access Fort Garry (135 Plaza Dr.), Access Transcona (845 Regent Ave. West) and the Mount Carmel Clinic (886 Main St.). Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. • Brandon – The Nurses Residence Gymnasium at the Brandon Regional Health Centre (150 McTavish Ave. East). Hours are daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Selkirk – 622 Superior Ave. The drive-thru site will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Thompson – Thompson Clinic in the Plaza Mall (50 Selkirk Ave.). Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. • The Pas – Guy Hall, 28 First St. West. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. • Flin Flon – Channing Auditorium in the Flin Flon Community Hall, 2 North Ave. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. ○ These locations are not walk-in clinics. Patients must receive a referral prior to arriving at these sites. • Surgery programs across Manitoba will begin suspending elective (non-urgent) surgical procedures

	<p>starting Monday, March 23. This will help ensure staff, beds, equipment and supplies remain available and flexible for COVID-19 response as well as comply with social distancing for patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals across the province will continue with scheduled surgeries for cancer, trauma and other surgeries that cannot be delayed. Time-sensitive orthopedic, obstetrical, gynecology and ophthalmology surgeries will also continue. Surgery slates will be examined to ensure proper patient care continues and any affected patients will be contacted about changes to their care. • Prescription renewals will now be limited to a 30-day supply. • For the next four weeks, CancerCare Manitoba will consolidate two cancer clinics to offer services out of one location. Cancer clinic services currently offered at Seven Oaks General Hospital will now be delivered out of the Victoria General Hospital Cancer Clinic and affected patients will be contacted by their clinical team. Visits that can be completed virtually or by phone will continue to be managed in that way and patients requiring treatment will be seen at CancerCare Manitoba's various cancer clinics.
Communications	<p>Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is underway to make the different screening tools more specific and consistent. The updated screening tools will be posted on-line. <p>News Releases (March 22, 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following documents have been UPDATED on the Shared Health website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID-19 bulletin #27 ○ COVID-19 bulletin #26 ○ COVID-19 bulletin #25 • A number of documents in relation to topics of interest to health care staff are posted to the Shared Health website: https://sharedhealthmb.ca • Manitoba Government : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 22, 2020 news conference: video ○ Manitoba Government Extends Tax Payment Filing Deadlines for Businesses
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on coordinating donated PPE supplies from various donors such as labs and industries is underway. • Efforts are underway to enable areas like payroll, accounts payable and supply-chain, who are currently working on site, to work from home, based on priority. Under finance • Logistics working on remote access. • Shared Health Supply Chain Management has set up a process for Manitoba's health system to order PPE: Phone# 204-926-3766 or email SCMCommandIntake@sharedhealthmb.ca. • A process for PPE requests from government departments outside of Health is being established by Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization and will be communicated once finalized. • Current inventory of PPE supplies is being closely monitored, and regions and sites have been asked to take steps to ensure supplies of PPE, including procedure/surgical masks and N95 respirators, are maintained and that providers and staff are aware of their appropriate clinical use.
Information Management & Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

REFERENCE LINKS:

WHO Situation Reports <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

PHAC - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

John Hopkins Research Public Health www.coronavirus.jhu.edu/map

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