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Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team PRCT BULLETIN

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As of Friday, June 5th at 7:00 am, the Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team (PRTC) advised that:

Since our last report on May 29, 2020, the total number of First Nations COVID-19 cases **remains at 16 cases**, all lab-confirmed, have been identified among First Nations citizens residing off-reserve in Manitoba. **The number of active cases remains at 0.**

Of the 16 cases:

- 14 people in Winnipeg Regional Health Authority ([WRHA](#))
- 1 person in the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority ([IERHA](#))
- 1 person in the Southern Health-Santé Sud ([SHSS](#))
- The number of recovered cases is 16
- The number of currently hospitalized cases is 0
- The number of deaths among First Nations people due to COVID-19 is 0.

Specific Details:

- 13 female and 3 male
- The age range of positive people: 1-69
- Most people in the 20-29 age group (same as rest of MB)
- Travel-acquired cases: 27% (in comparison to 24% for other Manitobans)
- Acquisition through contact with a known positive case: 73% (in comparison to 56% for other Manitobans)
- Average time from symptom onset until testing: 6 days (same as the rest of MB)

First Nation Testing

- As of June 1st, 2020, the number of First Nations COVID-19 tests has risen by 550 tests since last week, a total of 4962 tests were conducted for First Nations across Manitoba since the pandemic began.
- The total number of First Nations tests represents 11.1% of the overall tests done in Manitoba; testing numbers are highest in hospital, particularly in Winnipeg; the main sources of test samples excluding Winnipeg were from nursing stations, health centres, and federal hospitals.
- 1764 of tests were completed by First Nations who live on reserve and 3184 of tests were completed by First Nations who live in urban or rural areas, 14 tests the individual's residence was unknown.

Unlike the majority of cases in Manitoba, First Nations people are most likely to be infected through close contact to a known case of COVID-19.

All First Nations people in Manitoba are asked to continue to follow safety measures as directed by Provincial public health officials and in your communities.

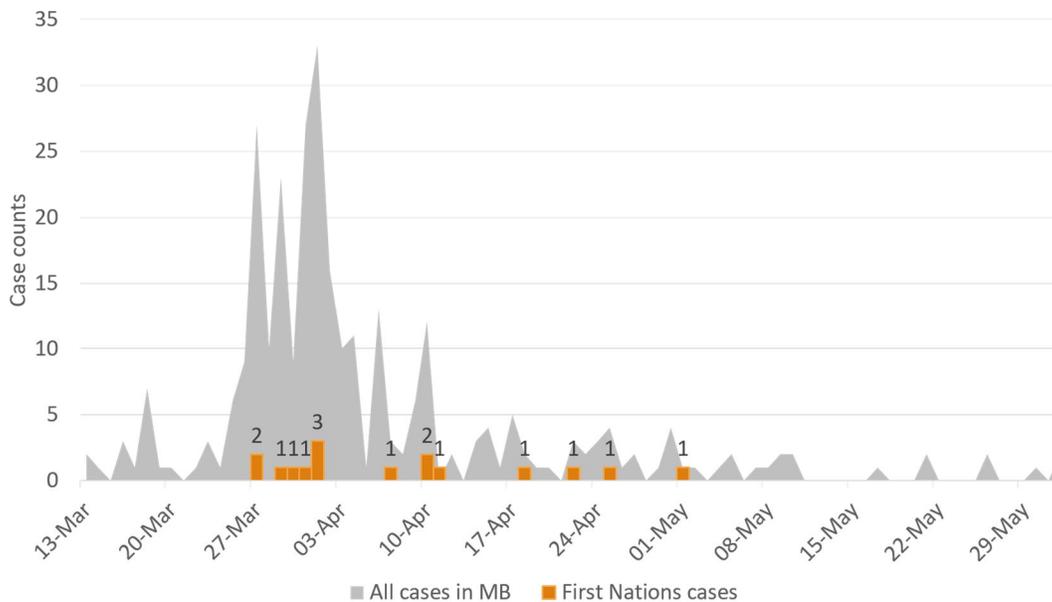


Figure 1. Epidemic curve of COVID-19 case counts over time. The grey space indicates the infections in Manitoba and the orange bars highlight the First Nations cases.

First Nation Contacts

- 50 Status First Nations have been named as contacts over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic
- 75% of COVID-19 infections were a result of close contact to a positive COVID-19 case
- Of the 16 First Nation cases, 7 cases can be linked to clusters or outbreaks

As Manitoba continues to review and change public health measures, the PRCT encourages people to continue to be diligent about following the effective public health measures to keep the spread low and minimize the risks:

Phase 2 of Manitoba’s Restart Strategy started on June 1, 2020. While more business and recreational facilities like pools, community centers and splash parks are opening, gathering sizes remain limited to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. We continue to encourage people to follow the public health orders, and be diligent about the following public health measures:

- Practice frequent hand hygiene;
- Follow physical distancing measures when outside of your home;
- Follow gathering size orders: 25 indoors, 50 outdoors;
- Stay home if you have any symptoms, even mild symptoms, that could be from COVID-19;
- Get tested within 1-2 days if you develop symptoms.

The PRCT finalized a document called, “Applying Current Public Health Orders and Guidance to Community Events” that outlined guidelines for First Nations to consider in hosting events and gatherings, this document included implications of the Restart Strategy for Manitoba First Nation planning strategies to consider for gatherings in ways that follow public health orders and guidance.

You can access testing by calling the health facility in your community, going to the RHA testing site closest to you, calling your health care provider, or use the Screening Tool available here <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> to find out when/ where you can be tested. Manitoba government COVID-19 measures can be found at: <https://manitoba.ca/bg/2020/04/covid19.html>.