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The Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team advise that, since the January 27, 2022 bulletin, (999) new First Nations COVID-19 cases were identified as of 7:00 am Thursday, February 03, 2022. The total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive First Nations cases in Manitoba has increased by 999, taking the total to 30,435 cases. Of the total cases, 14,260 cases are off-reserve and 16,175 cases are on-reserve. The total number of recovered cases are now 25,474, there have been 309 deaths, and 1,465 cases are presumed active. **Please note that only confirmed cases are included in the report. Positive rapid antigen tests are not included.**

	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Total
New Cases	614	385	999
Total Cases	16,175	14,260	30,435

New cases - 999

Presumed Active Cases

• On-reserve: 930

• Off-reserve: 535

• Total: 1465

 Percentage of total in MB - 26%

- Deaths
 - Current- 11 (5 Male/6 Female)
 - Total- 309 (157 Male, 152 Female)
- Age range of deaths
 - Current- 41-83
 - o Total- 4-101
- Deaths- Median Age
 - o Current- 61
 - o Total- 63

First Nations COVID-19 Hospitalizations

	Hospitalizations Totals (males/females)	Hospitalizations Active (males/females)	Age Range	Median Age	ICU Patients Active	ICU Patients Total	ICU Age Range	ICU Median Age
Current	194 (99/95)	139 (67/72)	0-87	50.5	17 (8/9)	27 (15/12)	0-80	51
Total	2332 (970/1362)	N/A	0-101	46	N/A	532 (246/286)	0-87	54

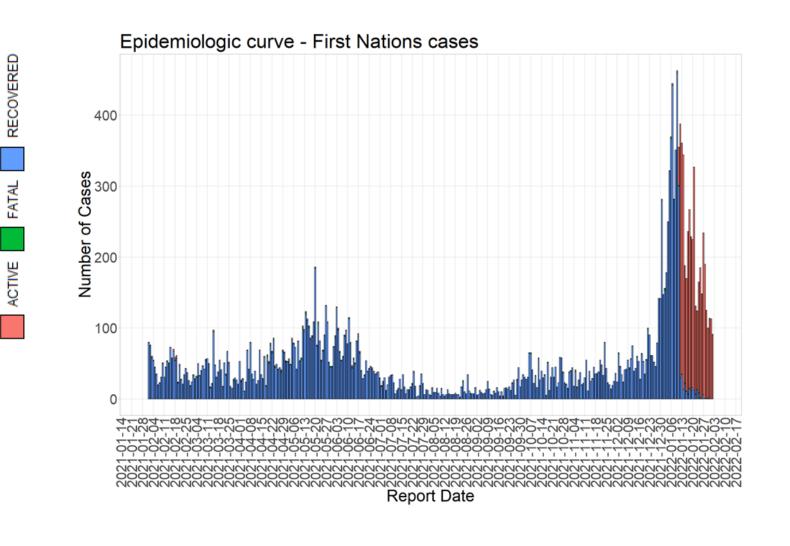
Details of the 30,435 First Nations cases:

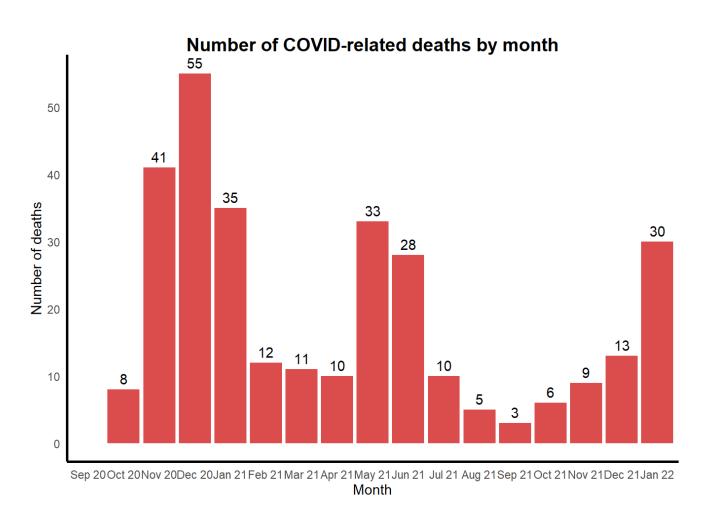
- 9017 people in Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)
- 3859 people in the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA)
- 2010 people in the Southern Health-Santé Sud (SHSS)
- 2843 people in the Prairie Mountain Regional Health Authority (PMH)
- 12706 people in the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA)
- 0 where the region is pending.
- The number of recovered cases is 25474.
- The total number of currently hospitalized cases is 194. This is 26% of all hospitalizations in the province currently.
- The number of active hospitalizations is 141. This is 27% of all active hospitalizations in the province.
- The number of First Nations people in the ICU due to COVID-19 is 17. This is 18% of all COVID-19 ICU admissions currently.
- The number of deaths among First Nations people due to COVID-19 is 309.
- The cases have occurred in 15856 females and 14563 males. 15 are listed as undifferentiated.
- The age range of positive people is 1-93.
- Most cases are in the 20-29 age group (in comparison to 20-29 for other Manitobans.)
- Average time from symptom onset until testing: 3 days (same as the rest of MB.)
- 33% of cases reported the presence of an underlying illness (in comparison to 34% for the rest of MB.)

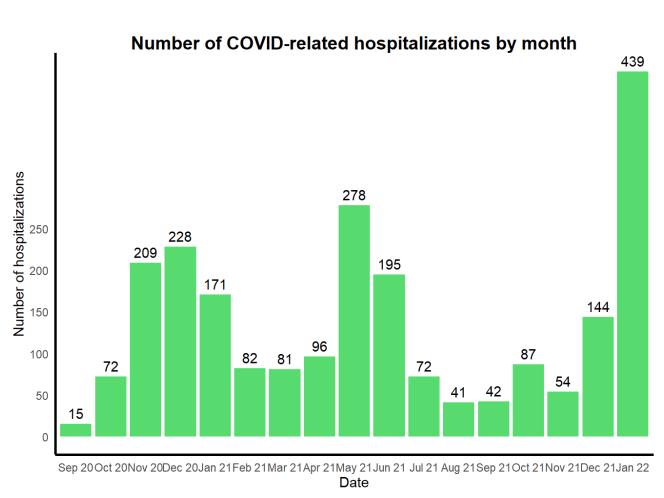


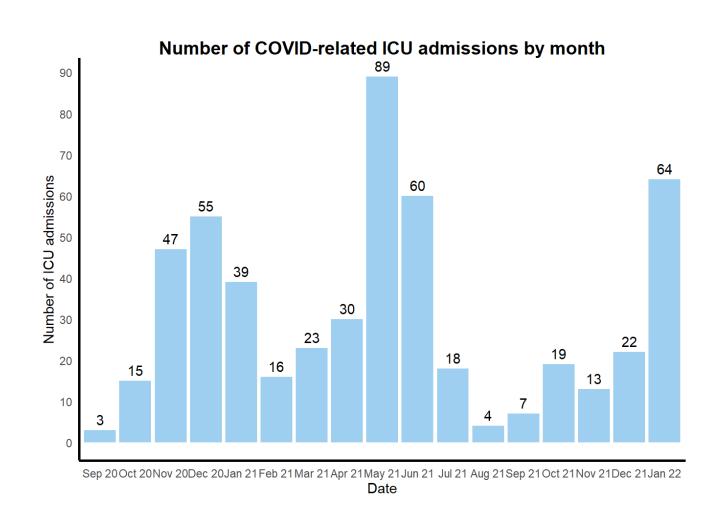
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Epidemiological Curve- First Nations Cases









Discussion:

In the past week, there have been 999 new cases among First Nations people, with 614 of those occurring in people who live on-reserve. With the distribution and use of Rapid Antigen Tests this count is lower than the actual case volume since Rapid Antigen Test results are not entered into the Public Health Information Management System. At this time Omicron is the dominant variant in First Nation communities as it is throughout the rest of the province.

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment and Oral Antiviral Treatment

Both Monoclonal Antibody Treatments and Oral Antiviral Treatments are available in Manitoba and are available through referral for all First Nations people who qualify for treatment. These treatments are used to reduce the risk of severe outcomes in people who have symptoms and have tested positive for COVID-19.

Monoclonal antibodies are given by an IV infusion and have to be given within 7 days of symptom onset. Paxlovid is an oral antiviral treatment that is given over 5 days. It has to be started within 5 days of symptom onset.



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People who are 18 and over who have less than 2 doses of the vaccine may be eligible for treatment and should call Health Links (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257), your primary care provider, Health Center or Nursing Station to see if you meet the criteria and be referred for treatment if you do.

First Nations people who are 40 and and over and haven't had a booster yet may also be eligible for treatment if their 2nd dose was more than 4 months ago and can also call Health Links (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257), your primary care provider, Health Center or Nursing Station to see if you meet the criteria and be referred for treatment if you do.

More information about these treatment and who qualifies is available here: https://gov.mb.ca/covid19/treatment/index.html.

New Public Health Orders

Yesterday it was announced that there will be changes to the Provincial Public Health Orders in effect on February 8, 2022.

Gathering sizes on private property will change and allow for the household plus 25 people indoors or 50 people outdoors if everyone over 12 is fully vaccinated. If anyone over 12 is not fully vaccinated then the gathering size limits are household plus 10 indoors or 20 outdoors.

The other changes mainly remove the cap of 250 people at different types of gatherings or event but maintain capacity limits of 50%. For Indoor religious services the capacity is 25% or 250 people, whichever is lower, if proof of vaccination is not required to attend.

A summary of all of the changes is available here: https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/newslinks/2021/BACKGROUNDER-PHO_FEB._2.pdf.



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COVID-19 Resources and Links:

Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Alert Levels

https://manitobachiefs.com/wp-content/uploads/PRCT-MB-First-Nations-COVID-Alert-Levels.pdf

School Division Reopening Plans

http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/school-divisions.html

Restoring Safe Schools: August 13 - School Settings Practice Guidance and Protocols https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html

Please visit any of the following websites for more information and resources on COVID-19: www.manitobachiefs.com

www.mkonation.com

www.fnhssm.com

Applying Current Public Health Orders and Guidance to Community Events https://manitobachiefs.com/wp-content/uploads/PRCT-GUIDE-Applying-Current-Public-Health-Orders-and-Guidance-to-Community-Events-29May2020-FINALasof459pm.pdf

Public Health Considerations During COVID-19 for Sundance Leaders https://d5d8ad59-8391-4802-9f0a-f5f5d600d7e9.filesusr.com/ugd/38252a_de8caedd52c5409e9607394c383c7929.pdf?index=true

Manitoba Government COVID-19 information https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/