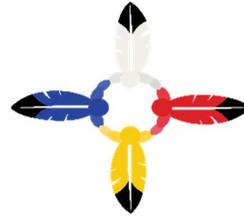




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Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team PRCT BULLETIN

May 15, 2020

As of Friday, May 15 at 7:00 am, the Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team (PRCT) advised that:

- since March 13, 2020, **16 cases** of COVID-19, all lab-confirmed, have been identified among First Nations citizens residing off-reserve in Manitoba.

Of the 16 cases:

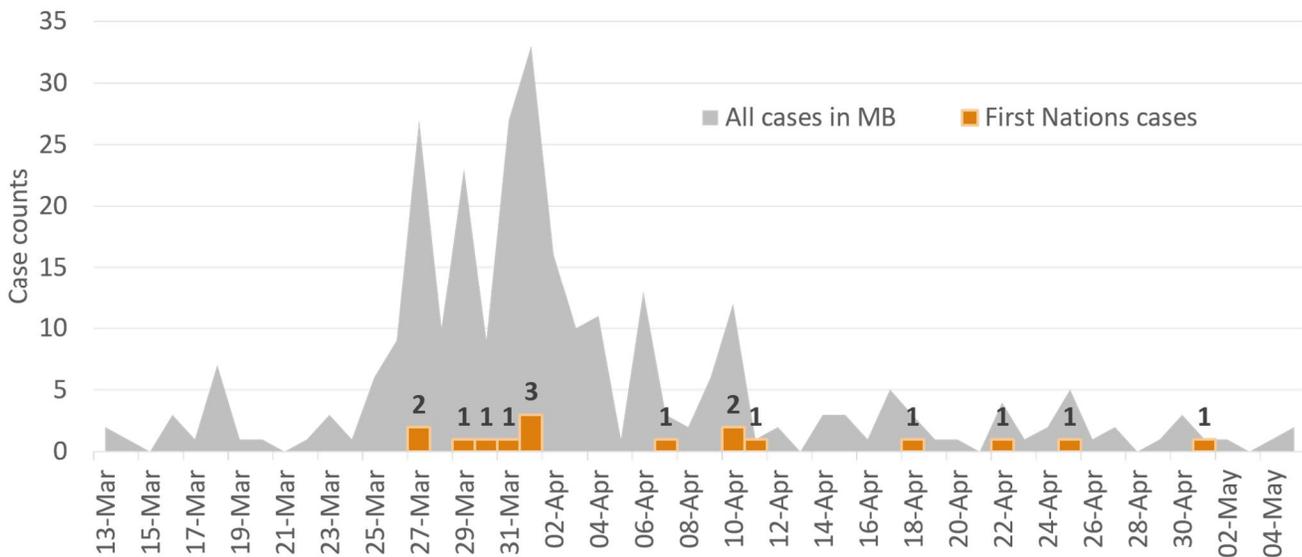
- 14 people in Winnipeg Regional Health Authority ([WRHA](#))
- 1 person in the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority ([IERHA](#))
- 1 person in the Southern Health-Santé Sud ([SHSS](#))
- The number of active cases is 2
- The number of recovered cases is 14
- The number of currently hospitalized 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 On-reserve Testing

- As of May 12, a total of 1488 tests were conducted for First Nations people living on-reserve.
- Information on First Nations people tested at locations other than Nursing Stations or Federal Hospitals will be provided in future bulletins as this information becomes available.



Preliminary analysis suggests that the number of cases that are occurring in First Nations people continues to rise.

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 (on and off-reserve) are asked to continue to follow safety measures as directed by Provincial public health officials and in your communities.

Heading into the long weekend 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:

- **No gatherings over 10 people**
- **Follow physical distancing whenever outside your home**
- **If you're going to visit, be outside as much as possible (and still less than 10 people)**
- **Wash your hands frequently**
- **Limit non-essential travel outside of or between communities**

If you have symptoms that could be from COVID-19 don't wait more than 1-2 days to get tested. 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>.

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Please visit any of the following websites for more information and resources on COVID-19

www.manitobachiefs.com www.scoinc.mb.ca www.mkonorth.com www.fnhssm.com