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**COVID-19  
BULLETIN #22**

Public health officials advise the number of lab-confirmed positive and presumptive positive cases in Manitoba remains at 17 at this time.

Public health investigations are continuing on the two positive cases identified yesterday. It appears that both cases are related to travel.

To protect the health of patients, staff and volunteers, visitor access at all Manitoba hospitals has been suspended. Exceptions for compassionate reasons will continue to be made on a case-by-case basis but will adhere to vigilant screening. One visitor per patient may be admitted with the approval of individual facility managers in some departments.

For pediatric patients, one parent or guardian will be allowed to visit at a time following screening.

A new community testing site is scheduled to open in Steinbach tomorrow. Located at 365 Reimer Ave., the site will operate as a drive-thru, with daily hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other locations throughout the province include:

- 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.
- More locations are expected to open in the coming days, including a new drive-thru location in south Winnipeg. These locations are not walk-in clinics. Patients must receive a referral prior to arriving at sites.

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](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19).

Manitobans who have received traffic tickets or tickets for other provincial offences should note that the Provincial Offences Court is closed to the public until May 1. All hearings are being postponed and people will be advised of their new date directly. All new tickets are being automatically remanded for 60 days, so individuals will be able to deal with their matters after court reopens. Tickets can still be paid in full online, by mail or by dropping off a payment into a secure drop box at 373 Broadway. More information is available at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/tickets/pubs/pocfaqcovid19.pdf>.

Twenty-seven 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 16 more ventilators that were part of an order placed last week.