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[COVID-19 Screening Tool - Experiencing symptoms? Take a self-assessment](#)

Contact **Health Links-Info Santé** at **204-788-8200** or **1-888-315-9257** (toll-free) if you're experiencing symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus.

Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

Current Situation

NEW Last updated: March 20, 2020

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

Surgery programs across Manitoba will begin suspending elective (non-urgent) surgical procedures starting Monday. This will help ensure staff, beds, equipment and supplies remain available and flexible for COVID-19 response.

Hospitals across the province will continue with scheduled surgeries for cancer, trauma and other surgeries that can't 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. In times where supplies of some medication may be limited, this strategy is designed to ensure people do not stockpile medicine, and all patients have access to their medication.

For the next four weeks, CancerCare Manitoba (CCMB) 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.

As demand increases, additional resources continue to be added to Health Links-Info Santé. More phone lines have been added and additional staff have been deployed to assist with the higher call volume. Work is nearly complete and an interactive voice recording (IVR) will launch soon to pre-screen callers before they speak to a clinician.

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.. Other sites are located in Winnipeg, Brandon, Selkirk, Thompson, The Pas and Flin Flon. **These locations are not walk-in clinics. Patients must receive a referral prior to arriving at these sites.**

More locations are expected to open in the coming days, including a new drive-thru location in south Winnipeg.

NEW [March 20, 2020 - COVID-19 Bulletin #23](#)

NEW [March 20, 2020 - Manitoba Implementing \\$27.6-Million Plan to Support Child Care for Essential Workers](#)

NEW [March 20, 2020 - Manitoba Government Declares State of Emergency to Protect the Public, Reduce Spread of COVID-19](#)

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News Conferences

March 20, 2020 11:00 a.m.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) update

Testing in Manitoba

NEW *Last updated: March 19, 2020*

As of March 19, 3,534 tests for COVID-19 have been completed.

Total Number of Confirmed and Presumptive Positive Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases by Health Region (of residence)::

	Manitoba	Interlake-Eastern	Northern	Prairie Mountain	Southern Health	Winnipeg	Unknown
Confirmed Positive *	17	1	0	0	2	14	0
Presumptive Positive **	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	1	0	0	2	14	0

- * A confirmed positive case has tested positive at both Cadham Provincial Laboratory and the National Microbiology Laboratory.
- ** A presumptive positive case has tested positive at Cadham Provincial Laboratory and is awaiting confirmatory testing results from the National Microbiology Laboratory.

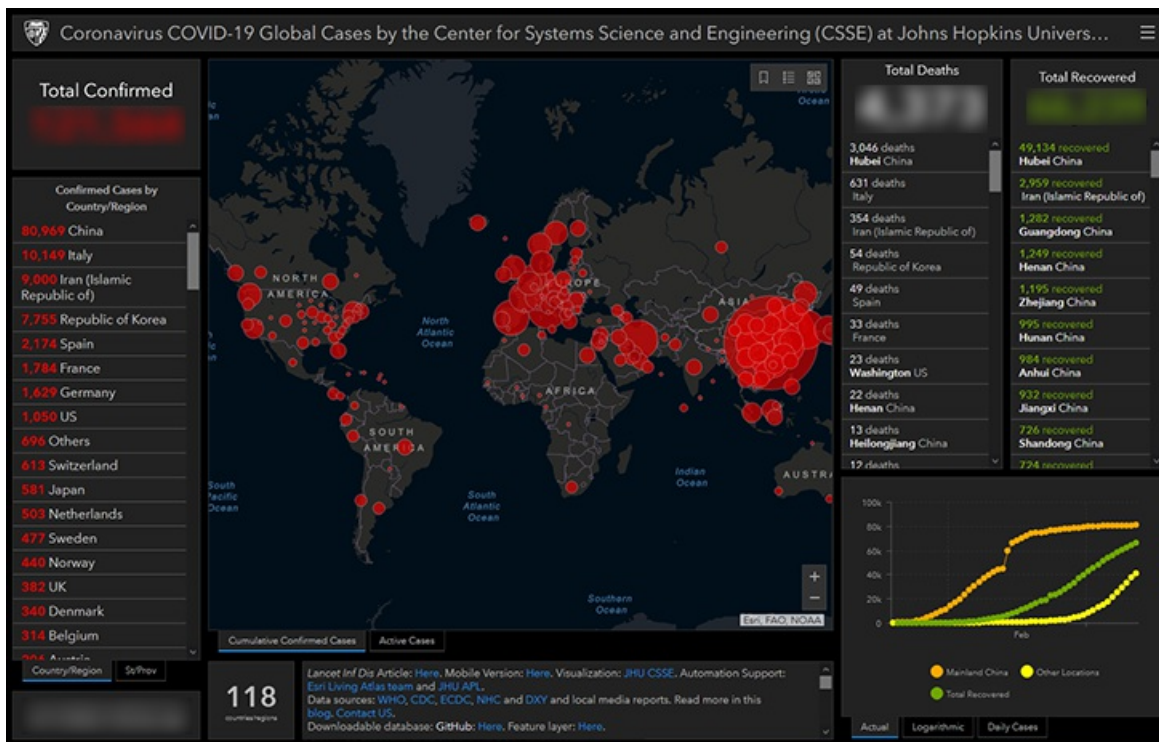
Canadian Situation

As of March 20, 2020 (8:00 am), 846 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Canada. Cases have been reported in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan. Probable cases have also been reported in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador and Saskatchewan. For the most current numbers, see [Public Health Agency of Canada's COVID-19: Outbreak update](#) website.

Worldwide Reported Cases

For a complete list of countries reporting COVID-19 cases see the most current [WHO Coronavirus Disease situation report](#) or click on the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Case map dashboard.

(click on map image below for most current case numbers)



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