COVID-19 General Guidance for Prevention

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Where should I get information?

Manitoba Health:

https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html

Shared Health has information for health care providers https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/ (but also some posters and print materials!)

What is COVID-19?

- COVID-19 is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus.
- This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.
- COVID-19 is now a pandemic affecting many countries globally.

How is COVID-19 spread?

- People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus.
- The disease spreads primarily from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, which are expelled when a person with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, or speaks.
- These droplets can land on objects and surfaces around the person such as tables, doorknobs and handrails. People can become infected-by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses





CRITICAL LEVEL

Community spread of COVID-19 is not contained and/or there are significant strains on our health care system



RESTRICTED LEVEL

Community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring



CAUTION LEVEL

Community transmission is at low levels



LIMITED RISK LEVEL

The spread of COVID-19 is broadly contained. Vaccine and/or effective treatment for COVID-19 are available.

https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/system/index.html

What are the fundamentals of COVID-19 precautions?

Stay Home if you are Sick



Wash Your Hands



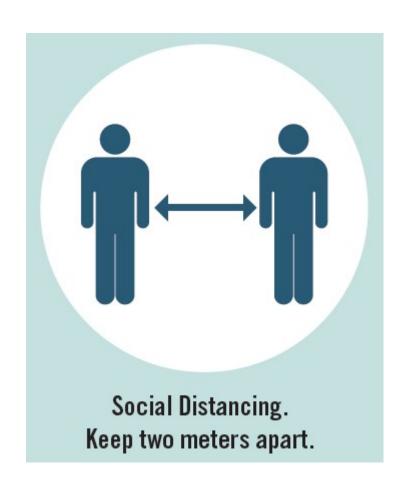
Avoid Greetings that Involve Touching



Cover your Cough or Sneeze



Physical (Social) Distancing





Help stop the spread of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 range from mild (e.g., fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat) to severe (e.g., shortness of breath and breathing difficulties).

Protect yourself and others



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 15 seconds.



Avoid greetings like handshakes and hugs.



Cover your cough or sneeze. Cough into your sleeve or elbow, not into your hand.

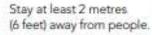






Don't touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.

























https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/ hand-hygiene-posters/





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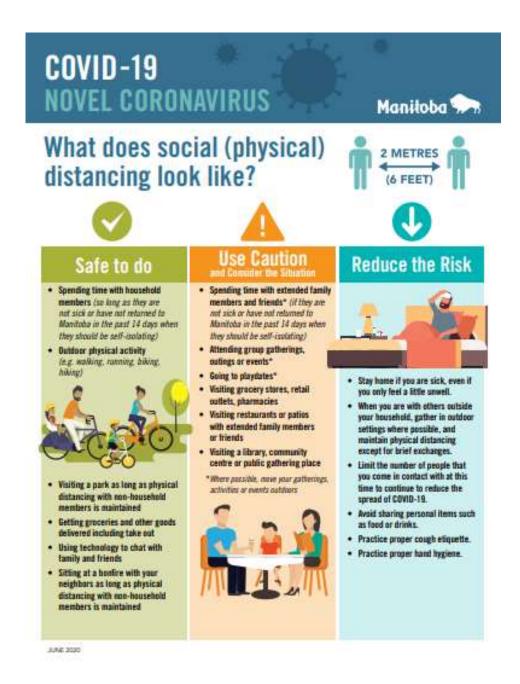
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Safe to Do



- Spending time with household members (so long as they are not sick or have not returned to Manitoba in the past 14 days when they should be self-isolating)
- Outdoor physical activity (e.g. walking, running, biking, hiking)
- Visiting a park as long as physical distancing with nonhousehold members is maintained
- Getting groceries and other goods delivered including take out
- Using technology to chat with family and friends
- Sitting at a bonfire with your neighbors as long as physical distancing with non-household members is maintained

Use caution and consider the situation

- Spending time with extended family members and friends* (if they are not sick or have not returned to Manitoba in the past 14 days when they should be self-isolating)
- Attending group gatherings, outings or events*
- Going to playdates*
- Visiting grocery stores, retail outlets, pharmacies
- Visiting restaurants or patios with extended family members or friends
- Visiting a library, community centre or public gathering place
- * Where possible, move your gatherings, activities or events outdoors

Reduce the risk



- Stay home if you are sick, even if you only feel a little unwell.
- When you are with others outside your household, gather in outdoor settings where possible, and maintain physical distancing except for brief exchanges.
- Limit the number of people that you come in contact with at this time to continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Avoid sharing personal items such as food or drinks.



https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/non-medical-mask-poster.pdf





- DO wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others.
- DO ensure the mask is made up of two (2) layers of tightly woven fabric.
- DO wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching mask or face covering.
- DO use the ear loops or ties to put on and remove mask.





- DO ensure your nose and mouth are fully covered.
- DO wash your mask with hot, soapy water and let it dry completely before wearing it again.
- DO store re-usable mask in a clean paper bag until you wear it again.
- DO discard mask that cannot be washed in a plastic lined garbage bin after use.





- DON'T wear a loose mask.
- DON'T touch mask while wearing it.
- DON'T remove mask to talk to someone.
- DON'T hang mask from your neck or ears.
- DON'T wear mask under your chin.
- DON'T share your mask.
- DON'T leave your used mask within the reach of others.





Non-medical masks are **not** recommended for:

- people who suffer from an illness or disability that makes it difficult to put on or take off a mask
- those who have difficulty breathing
- children under the age of 5 years



Wear it Well: A Mask how-to For Kids



• Video available from:

https://youtu.be/eGhLwmFRyZY

About COVID-19 Testing & Contact Tracing

Should I get tested?

- Follow the most current advice and screening found at Shared Health:
 - https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/
 - the Screening Tool is available in Interactive Voice Response (IVR) format. **Call** <u>1-877-308-9038</u>.
- If you are unsure, call Health Links Info
 Santé (204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257)

COVID-19

Public Health Factsheet



Keep yourself, and your community, safe from COVID-19: Have symptoms? Get tested today.

While some restrictions are likely to be lifted over time, COVID-19 remains in Manitoba

- · Keep at least six feet away from people outside of your household.
- · Wash hands regularly and for 20 seconds each time and dry thoroughly.
- · Regularly disinfect surfaces at home or at work.
- . ALWAYS remain home and away from others if you are feeling unwell.



Symptoms can include new onset of:

Any one of:

- fever
- cough
- sore throat/hoarse voice
- · shortness of breath
- loss of smell or taste
- · vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours
- poor feeding (in an infant)

OR

Two or more of the following:

- runny nose
- muscle aches
- pink-eye
- fatique
- headache
- · skin rash of unknown cause
- nausea or loss of appetite

Find your closest testing location by visiting manitoba.ca/covid19/locations.html

Questions? Call Health Links - Info Santé at 204-788-8200 | 1-888-315-9257 www.Manitoba.ca/covid19

https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/providers/posters/

What happens next?

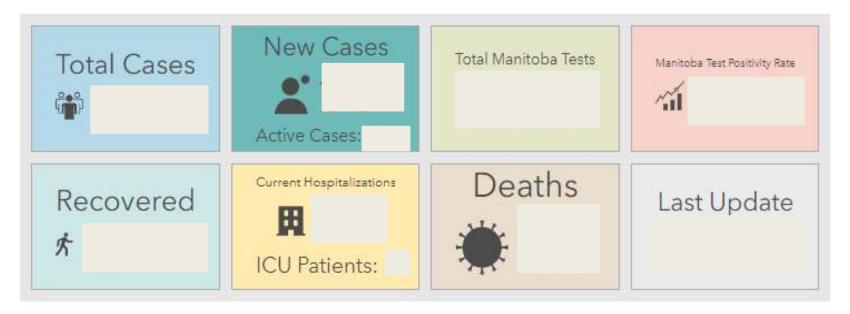
- If you have a positive test result, public health officials will call you directly. That is the start of the public health investigation process.
- If your test result is negative, it may take longer for you to hear back about your test results.
 - How can I find my results?
 - Find your results online: sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results
 - Or call 1-844-960-1984
 - You will be asked to provide information from your Manitoba Health Registration Card to verify your identity.

What else should I know?

 If public health investigations identify you as a possible close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, they will call you and provide advice on next steps.

COVID-19 Data

- Latest information on cases can be found at <u>https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/case</u>
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Government of Manitoba:

 Visit <u>Care for Your Mental Health</u> for information on mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic

Some of the resources include:

- Covid 19 Anxiety Support Line (Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba) call 204-925-0040 or email adam@adam.mb.ca
- <u>CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Association)</u> resources and suggestions to support mental health
- <u>The Klinic Crisis Program</u> a variety of crisis phone lines and online support services, providing free and confidential counselling
- <u>Mental Health Support AbilitiCBT</u> new digital therapy program available to all Manitobans experiencing low to mild symptoms of anxiety due to the pandemic
- <u>Sara Riel Warm Line</u> peer support workers for support and/or suggest possible resources. Call 204-942-9276 between 7pm 11pm.

Government of Canada webpage to support mental health and wellbeing:

 https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novelcoronavirus-infection/mental-health.html

Some of the resources include:

- For immediate support:
 - Youth: Text WELLNESS to 686868
 - Adults: Text WELLNESS to 741741
- Wellness Together Canada website
 - https://ca.portal.gs/#

Other resources

- <u>Virtual meditation</u> Free live practice sessions daily at https://tricycle.org/trikedaily/online-meditation/
- <u>Calm In The Storm App</u> An app for coping with the stresses of life
- <u>SMART Recovery Toolbox</u> provides a variety of methods, worksheets, and exercises to help you self-manage your addiction recovery and your life.