COVID-19 can be spread from people who don’t exhibit symptoms or before symptoms develop. These individuals may not know the identity of the people who have been exposed. For this reason, public health officials will provide information where there may have been possible public exposures to COVID-19. If you have visited one of these sites, you should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days from your last visit, and if symptoms develop, immediately isolate and seek testing.

An online assessment tool can be found at https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/.

Note that public health officials investigate all confirmed cases of COVID-19, and provide direction to cases on notifying contacts.

Treatment for COVID-19 is available for people at higher risk of severe disease. If you have symptoms, it is important to get tested early as the treatment is only effective in the very early phases of infection. Please visit https://manitoba.ca/covid19/treatment/index.html or call Health Links – Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) for more information, and to find out if you are eligible.

How do I self-monitor my symptoms?

Watch for any new, or worsening, symptoms, such as fever, cough, headache, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath or breathing difficulties. For a full list of symptoms, visit: www.manitoba.ca/covid19/about/index.html.

Take your temperature twice a day (morning and night), using an oral digital thermometer (placed in the mouth). It is important to get an accurate temperature reading. Do not eat, drink, smoke or chew gum for 30 minutes prior to taking your temperature. Wait at least four hours after you have taken acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or ibuprofen (Advil®).

Record your temperature, and any other symptoms you may experience, using the Temperature Self-Monitoring Form.

What should I do if I develop symptoms?

If you develop a new onset, or worsening, of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, isolate yourself from others immediately including your household members, and call Health Links – Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) for information on testing and isolation. You should inform Health Links – Info Santé about your possible public exposure.

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If at any time you develop severe symptoms (e.g., difficulty breathing, shortness of breath), call 911 or seek medical attention at urgent care or an emergency department.
If I don’t have symptoms, should I get tested? Would I have to self-isolate (quarantine) if I get tested?

If you are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and have not had any recent known exposures (through close contact, or travel), you do not need to self-isolate (quarantine).

At minimum, you should continue to self-monitor for symptoms, for 14 days following your attendance to the site listed as a possible exposure setting.

I have been to a site where public health has indicated a possible public exposure, so why don’t I have to self-isolate (quarantine)?

Often the publically announced possible exposures are low risk. Those not identified as a close contact should self-monitor for 14 days after attending a site listed as a possible public exposure setting. It is also recommended that you reduce your contact with others, and avoid large gatherings where you could have close contact with people, especially those at higher risk for severe illness. If symptoms of COVID-19 develop, you should immediately isolate yourself and seek testing.

What can I do to limit the spread of COVID-19?

There are a number of things that you can do to limit the spread of COVID-19.

First, avoid closed-in or crowded spaces and reduce the number of close contacts from outside of your household.

Second, focus on the fundamentals, including:

• staying home when you are sick
• washing/ sanitizing your hands frequently
• physically distancing when you are with people outside of your household
• wearing a mask in situations where you cannot physically distance, or as required by public health orders.
• Get vaccinated as soon as you can once eligible.


Where can I find information about sites with possible public exposures?

A listing of sites with possible public exposures can be found on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System region specific web page:

Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority
Northern Regional Health Authority
Prairie Mountain Health
Southern Health – Santé Sud
Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
For more information about COVID-19:

Call:
- Health Links - Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257

Visit:
- Manitoba government’s COVID-19 website at www.manitoba.ca/covid19/
- COVID-19 Self-isolation (Quarantine) and Isolation Fact Sheets – www.manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html#factsheets