

Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team Weekly Bulletin

Date: May 13, 2021

The Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team advise that, since the May 7th bulletin, three hundred and eighty three (383) new First Nations COVID-19 cases were identified as of 7:00 am Thursday, May 13th. The total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive First Nations cases in Manitoba has increased by 383, taking the total to 13,372 cases. Of the total cases, 6892 cases are off-reserve and 6480 cases are on-reserve. The total number of recovered cases are now 12,303, there have been 182 deaths, and 887 cases are considered active.

	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Total
Active Cases	459	428	887 (22%)
Total Cases	6480	6892	13,372 (31%)

% is of Provincial Totals

- New cases- 383
- FN Test positivity- 11%
- New tests- 3464

Presumed Active Cases

- On Reserve- 224
- Off Reserve- 332
- Total FN- 556
- Percentage of total in MB- 17%

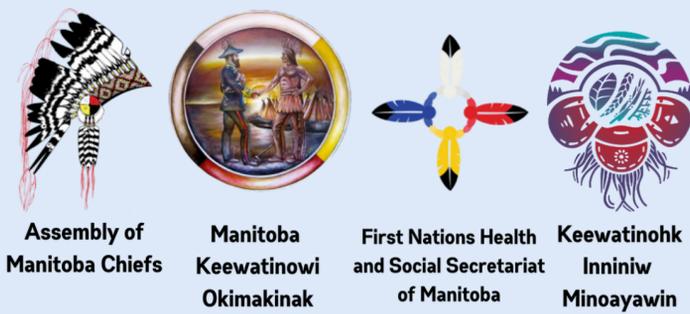
First Nations COVID-19 Hospitalizations

	Hospitalizations Totals (males/females)	Age Range	Median Range	ICU Patients (males/females)	ICU Age Range	ICU Median Age
Current	65 (28/37)	18-86	48	22 (12/10)	18-77	47
Total	995 (437/558)	0-93	51	277 (137/140)	18-83	47

- Deaths
 - Current- 7 (4 male, 3 female)
 - Total- 182 (90 male, 92 female)
- Age range of deaths
 - Current- 48-80
 - Total- 9-96
- Deaths- Median Age
 - Current- 55
 - Total- 65

Details of the 13,372 First Nations cases:

- 3949 people in Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)
- 1522 people in the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA)
- 564 people in the Southern Health-Santé Sud (SHSS)
- 915 people in the Prairie Mountain Regional Health Authority (PMH)
- 6422 people in the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA)
- 0 cases where the region of residence is pending
- The number of recovered cases is 12,303
- The number of currently hospitalized cases is 65. This is 36% of all hospitalizations in the province currently.
- The number of First Nations people in the ICU due to COVID-19 is 22. This is 45% of all COVID-19 ICU admissions currently.
- The number of deaths among First Nations people due to COVID-19 is 182. The median age of deaths in First Nations is 65 (in comparison to 83 for the rest of MB).
- The cases have occurred in 6,723 females and 6,649 males
- The age range of cases is 1-96
- The most commonly reported age group of infected individuals is 20-29 (same as the rest of MB)
- Travel-acquired cases: 1% (in comparison to 2% for other Manitobans)
- Acquisition through contact with a known positive case: 75% (in comparison to 68% for other Manitobans)
- Average time from symptom onset until testing: 3 days (same as the rest of MB)
- 39% of cases reported the presence of an underlying illness (in comparison to 34% for the rest of MB)



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First Nation Testing

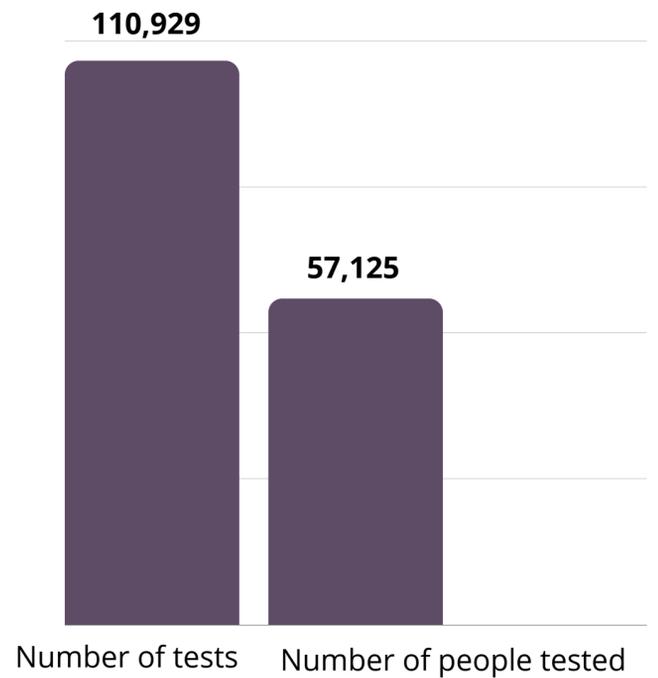
As of May 13th, 2021, the number of First Nations COVID-19 tests has risen by 3,464, for a total of 110,929 tests conducted for First Nations across Manitoba since the pandemic began. The 5-day COVID-19 test positivity rate in Manitoba First Nations is 11% which is lower than Manitoba's current 5-day test positivity rate of 12%.

The total number of tests in First Nations represents 11% of the overall tests done in Manitoba; testing numbers are highest in hospital, particularly in Winnipeg; the main sources of test samples excluding Winnipeg were from nursing stations.

- Except in the very young, testing rates are higher in women, 59% overall. This mirrors the provincial testing trends where there are also more women who are being tested at 56%.
- A total of 57,125 First Nations people have been tested to date. Of those, 59% of tests were completed for First Nations who live on reserve and 41% of tests were completed for First Nations who live in urban or rural areas.

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.

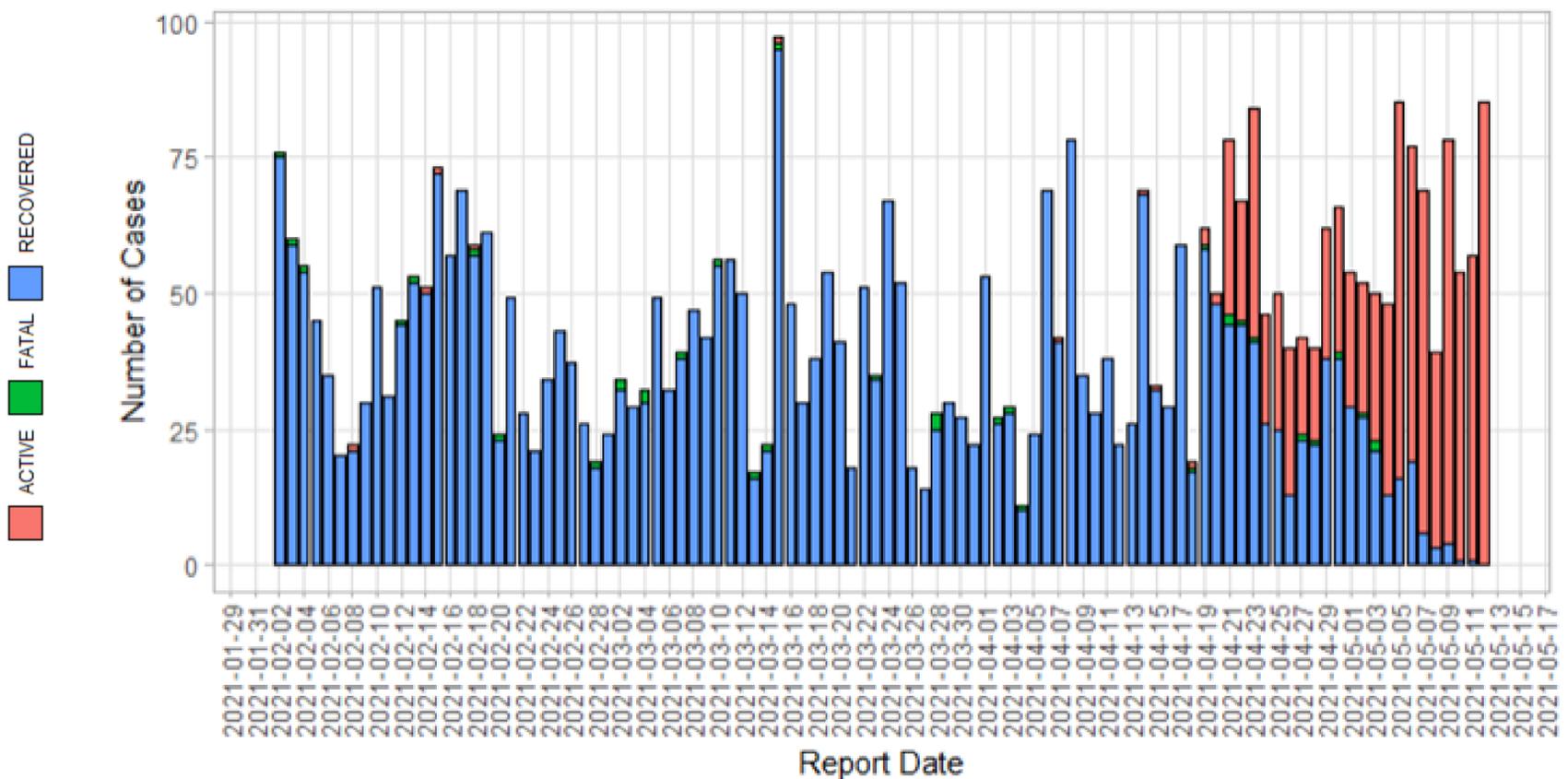
Number of tests performed, and number of people tested

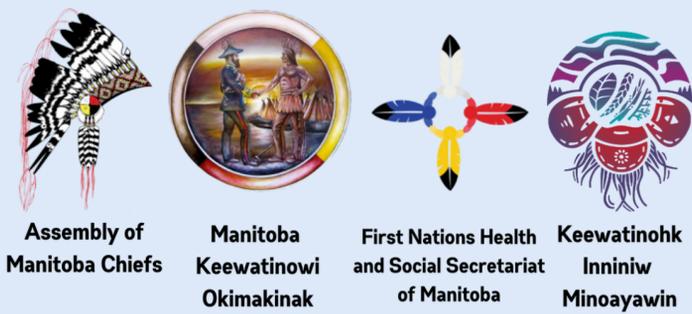


75% of COVID-19 infections were a result of close contact to a positive cases

First Nations currently make up approximately 22% of active cases.

Epidemiological Curve- First Nations Cases





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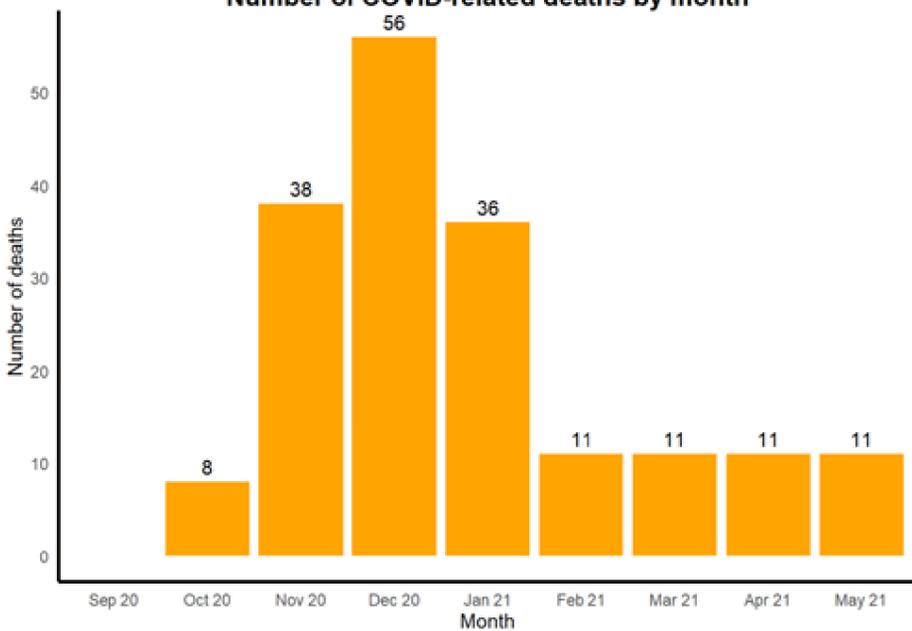
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At present 28 of the 63 First Nation communities have active cases of COVID-19. The 5 day test positivity for First Nations on reserve is 10% and for First Nations off-reserve is 13%. Today (May 13, 2021) the province announced its highest single day case count at 560 new cases.

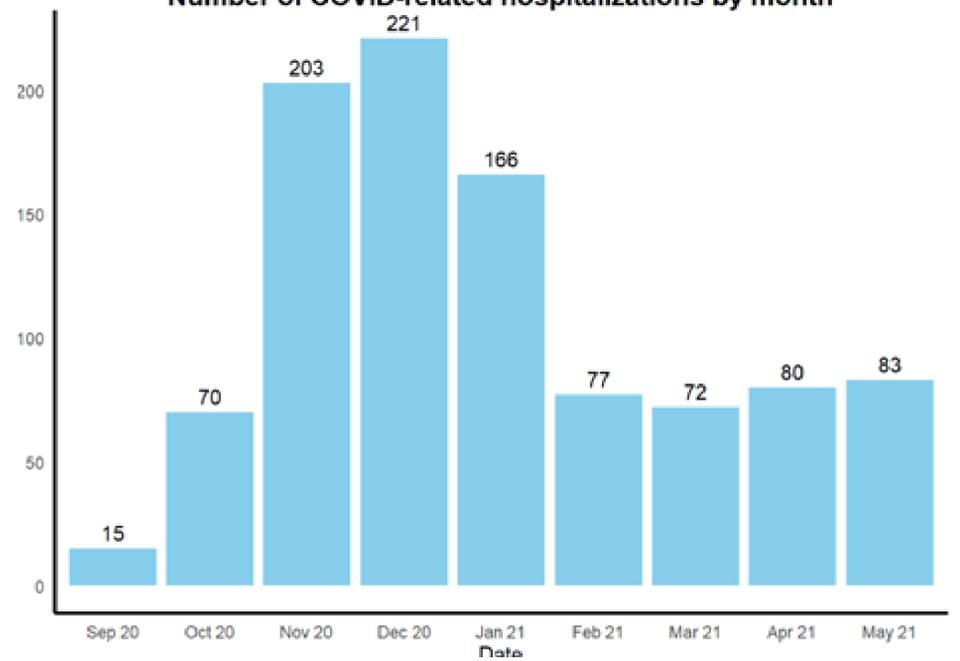
There has been a lot of discussion around how the Variants of Concern (VOCs) are leading to more severe outcomes and at younger ages. About 2 months ago on March 19, 2021 there were 17 First Nations people in hospital and the median age of hospitalization was 60 years old and for admission to ICU was 57. As of today there are 65 First Nations people in hospital and the median age of hospitalization is 48 for those in hospital and 47 for people in ICU. This means that half of the First Nations people in hospital are under 48 years of age. This past week there were 7 deaths due to COVID-19, and the median age was 55 years which is 10 years younger than if we look at all First Nation deaths due to COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

The following 3 tables show that we are seeing more severe outcomes already in May then we did in February, March or April, as the number of people admitted to hospital, to the ICU or passing away from COVID is already the same or higher this months than in each of those months. We need to do everything that we can to limit transmission of the virus to reduce these severe impacts.

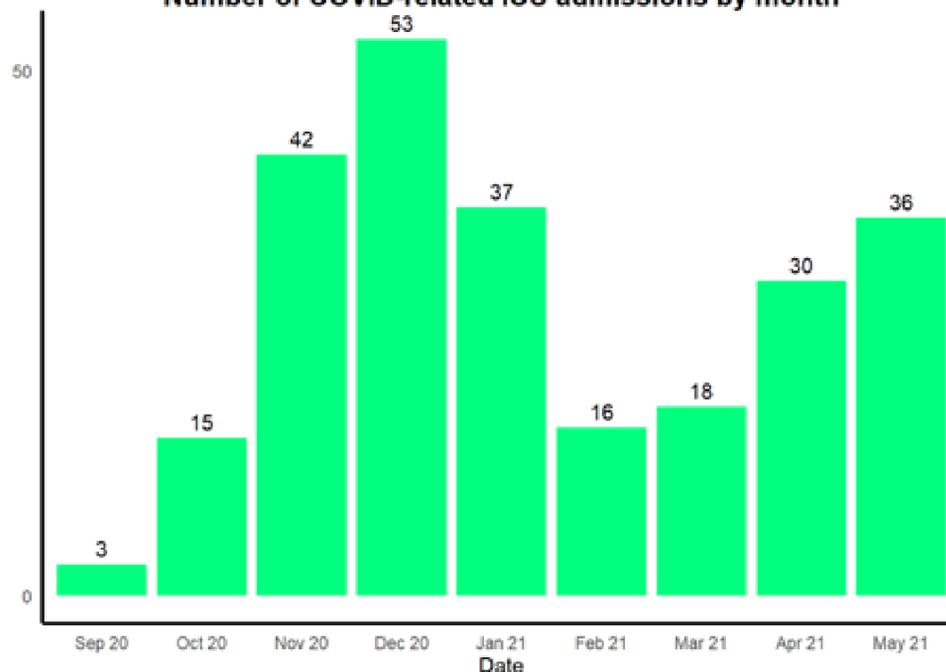
Number of COVID-related deaths by month

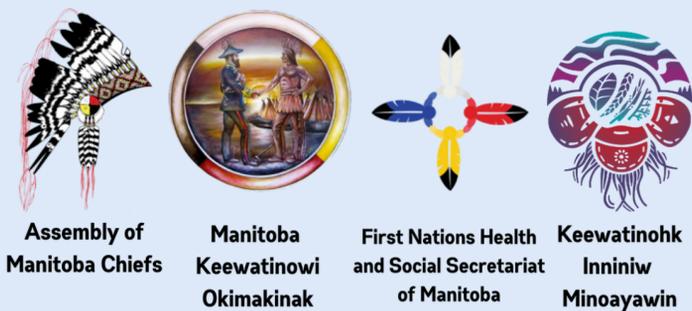


Number of COVID-related hospitalizations by month



Number of COVID-related ICU admissions by month





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The good news is that all Indigenous peoples aged 18+ are now eligible to receive the vaccine in Manitoba. We strongly encourage everybody to get vaccinated as soon as possible so we can reduce the number of First Nations people- including young First Nations people- having severe cases of COVID-19. If we compare vaccine coverage rates by age group as in the table below, the 70-79 year old age group is leading the way at 79.3% coverage and we strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated asap to see this level in all age groups.

Age	Coverage
0-19	2.5%
20-29	39.7%
30-39	49.7%
40-49	59.1%
50-59	68.0%
60-69	48.0%
70-79	79.3%
80-89	69.9%
90+	27.6%

As of Thursday, May 13th 63,670 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to First Nations people and recorded in PHIMS. A total of 50,088 First Nations people have received at least 1 dose of the vaccine, which is about 48% of First Nations people aged 18+.

We strongly encourage all First Nations people to follow all public health guidance and orders in effect. Even those who have been vaccinated need to continue to follow these precautions. At this time it is critical that we strictly limit our close contacts to those in our households only. This is the most important step to reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Testing:

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 to find out when/where you can be tested.

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

COVID-19 Resources and Links:

Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Alert Levels

<https://manitobachiefs.com/wp-content/uploads/PRCT-MB-First-Nations-COVID-Alert-Levels.pdf>

School Division Reopening Plans

<http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/school-divisions.html>

Restoring Safe Schools: August 13 - School Settings Practice Guidance and Protocols

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html>

Applying Current Public Health Orders and Guidance to Community Events

<https://manitobachiefs.com/wp-content/uploads/PRCT-GUIDE-Applying-Current-Public-Health-Orders-and-Guidance-to-Community-Events-29May2020-FINALasof459pm.pdf>

Public Health Considerations During COVID-19 for Sundance Leaders

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Manitoba Government COVID-19 information

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/>

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

www.manitobachiefs.com

www.mkonation.com

www.fnhssm.com