

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

Date: July 02, 2021

The Manitoba First Nations COVID-19 Pandemic Response Coordination Team advise that, since the June 25, 2021 bulletin, (260) new First Nations COVID-19 cases were identified as of 7:00 am Thursday, July 02, 2021. The total number of lab-confirmed positive and probable positive First Nations cases in Manitoba has increased by 260, taking the total to 17011 cases. Of the total cases, 9326 cases are off-reserve and 7685 cases are on-reserve. The total number of recovered cases are now 16120, there have been 228 deaths, and 663 cases are considered active.

	On Reserve	Off Reserve	Total
Active Cases	468	195	663
Total Cases	7685	9326	17,011

New cases- 260
Presumed Active Cases

- On Reserve- 176
- Off Reserve- 152
- Total FN- 328
- Percentage of total in MB- 54%

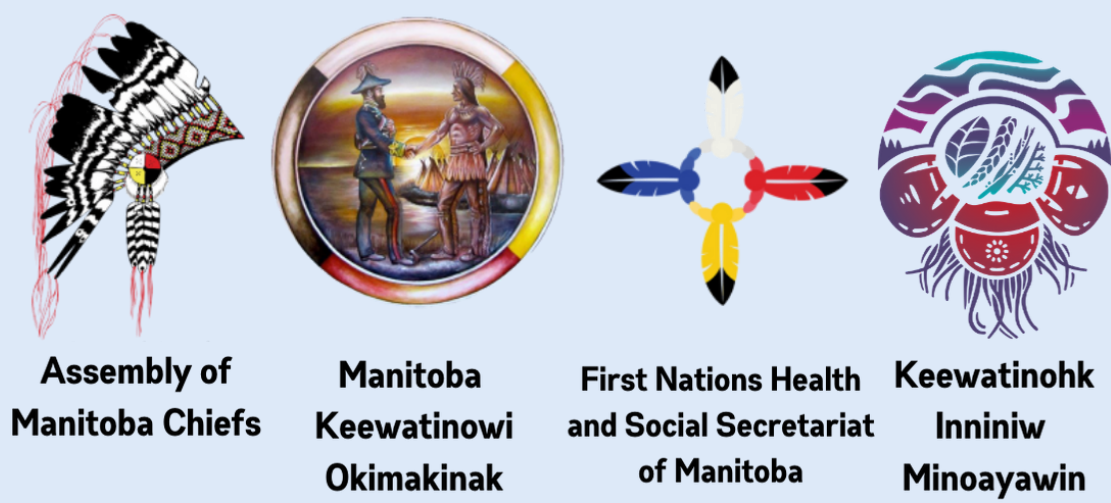
- Deaths
 - Current- 3
 - Total- 228
- Age range of deaths
 - Current- 4-60
 - Total- 4-96
- Deaths- Median Age
 - Current- 32
 - Total- 63

First Nations COVID-19 Hospitalizations

	Hospitalizations Totals (males/females)	Age Range	Median Age	ICU Patients (males/females)	ICU Age Range	ICU Median Age
Current	56	15-82	55.5	28	21-75	58
Total	1367	0-93	48	378	17-83	58

Details of the 17,011 First Nations cases:

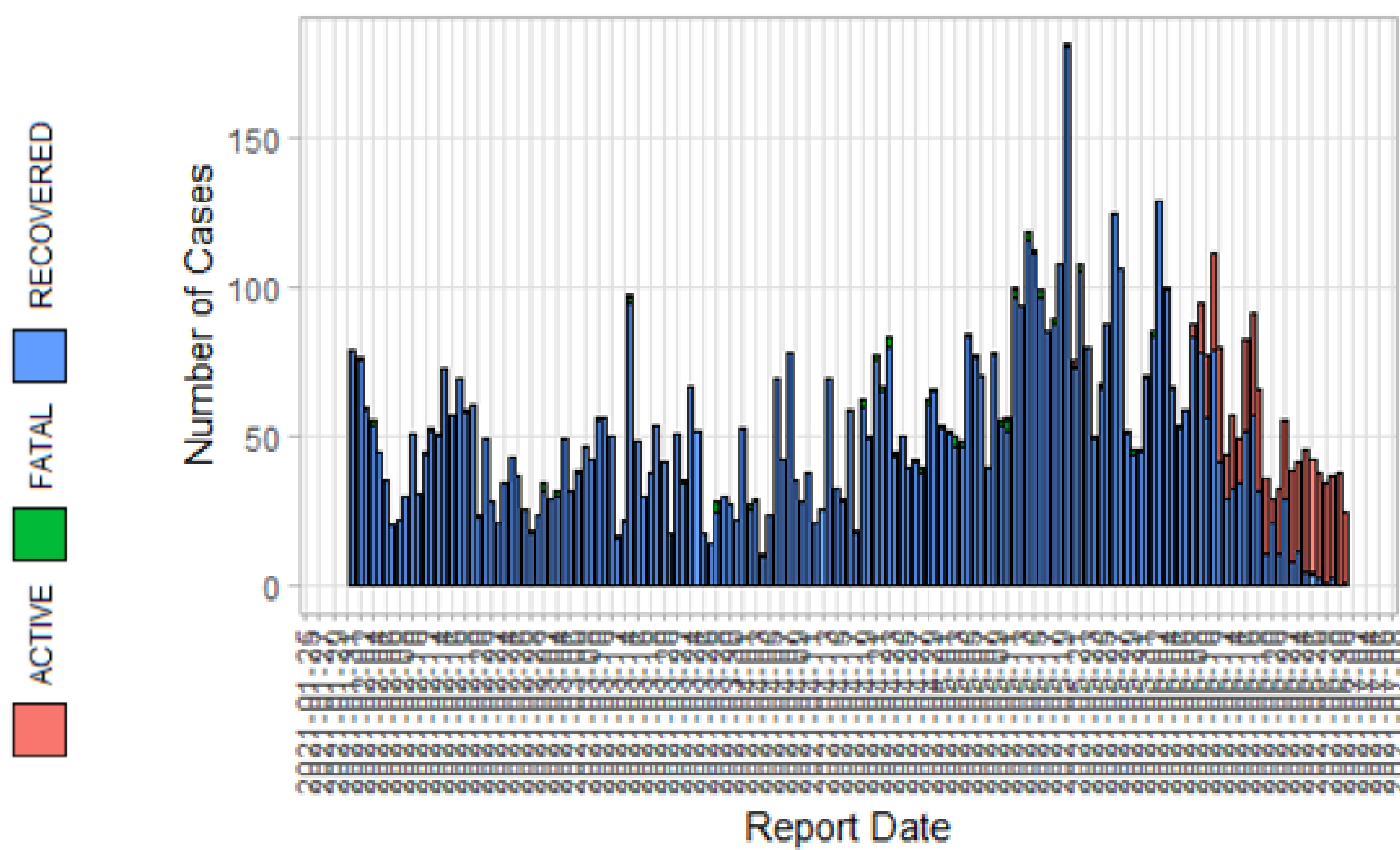
- 5687 people in Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA)
- 1986 people in the Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority (IERHA)
- 803 people in the Southern Health-Santé Sud (SHSS)
- 1333 people in the Prairie Mountain Regional Health Authority (PMH)
- 7202 people in the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA)
- 0 where the region is pending.
- The number of recovered cases is 16120.
- The number of currently hospitalized cases is 56. This is 48% of all hospitalizations in the province currently.
- The number of First Nations people in the ICU due to COVID-19 is 28. This is 41% of all COVID-19 ICU admissions currently.
- The number of deaths among First Nations people due to COVID-19 is 228.
- The cases have occurred in 7619 females and 9392 males.
- The age range of positive people is 1-93.
- Most people in the 0-19 age group (in comparison to 20-39 for other Manitobans.)
- Average time from symptom onset until testing: 3 days (same as the rest of MB.)
- 34% of cases reported the presence of an underlying illness (in comparison to 36% for the rest of MB.)



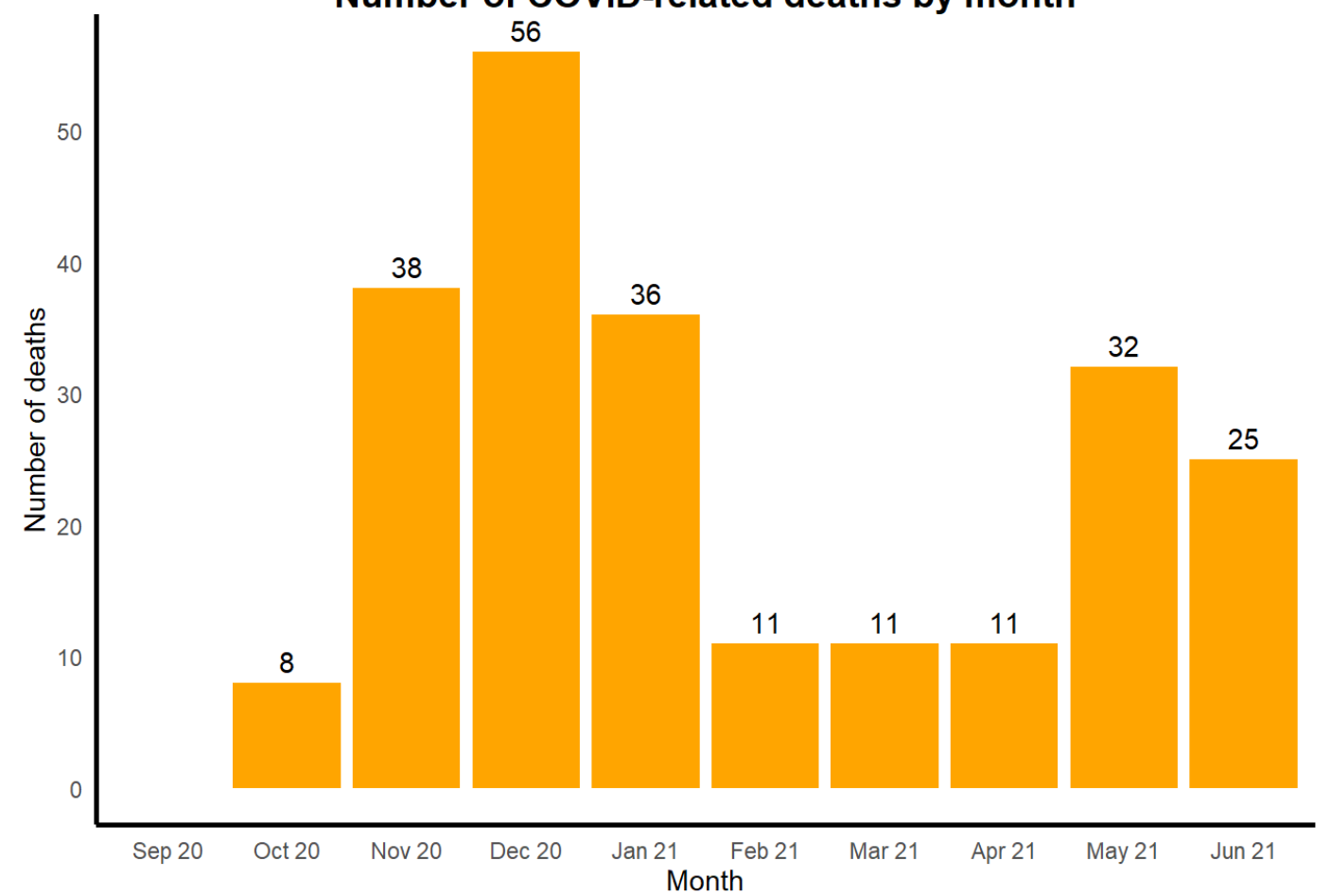
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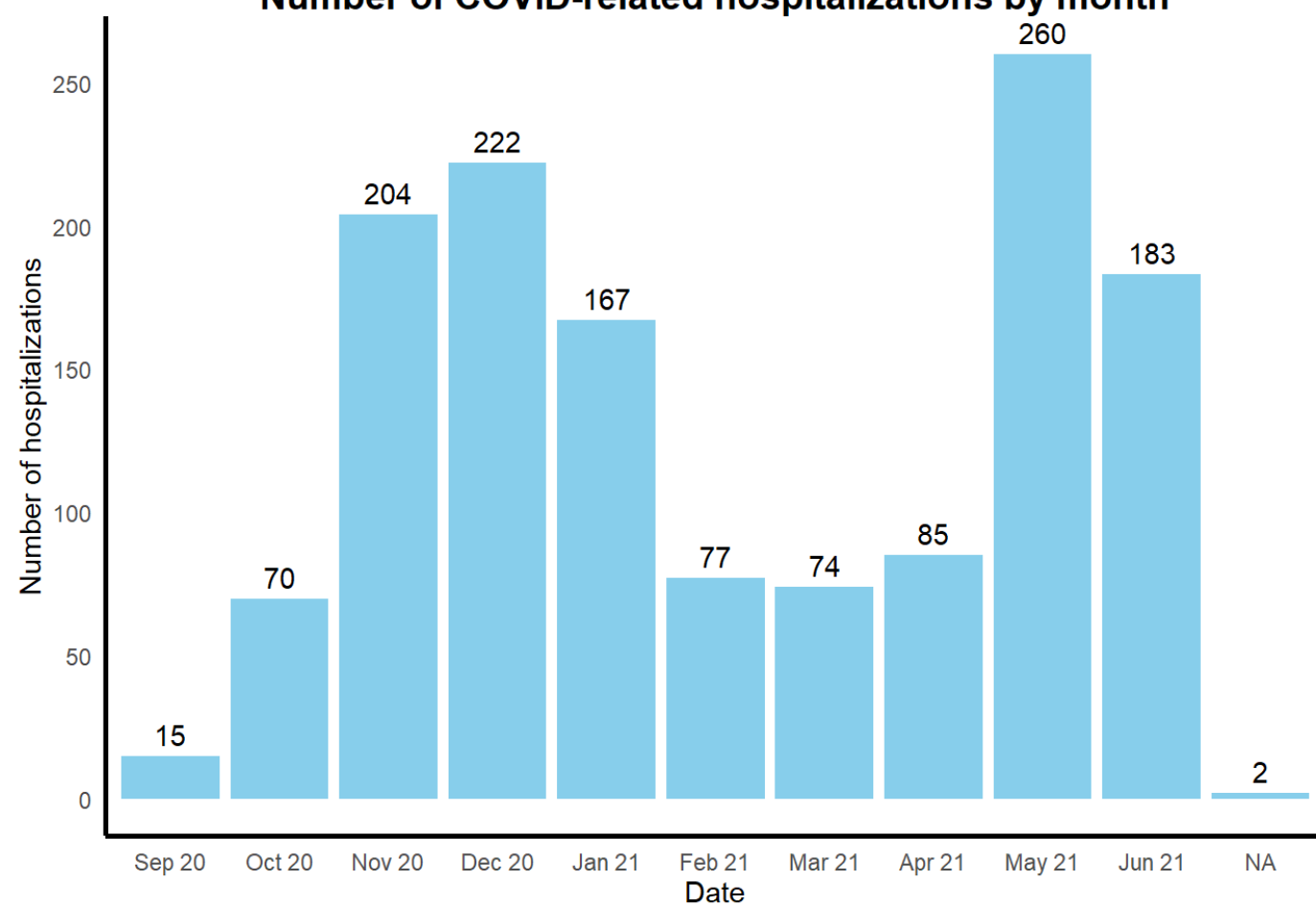
Epidemiological Curve- First Nations Cases



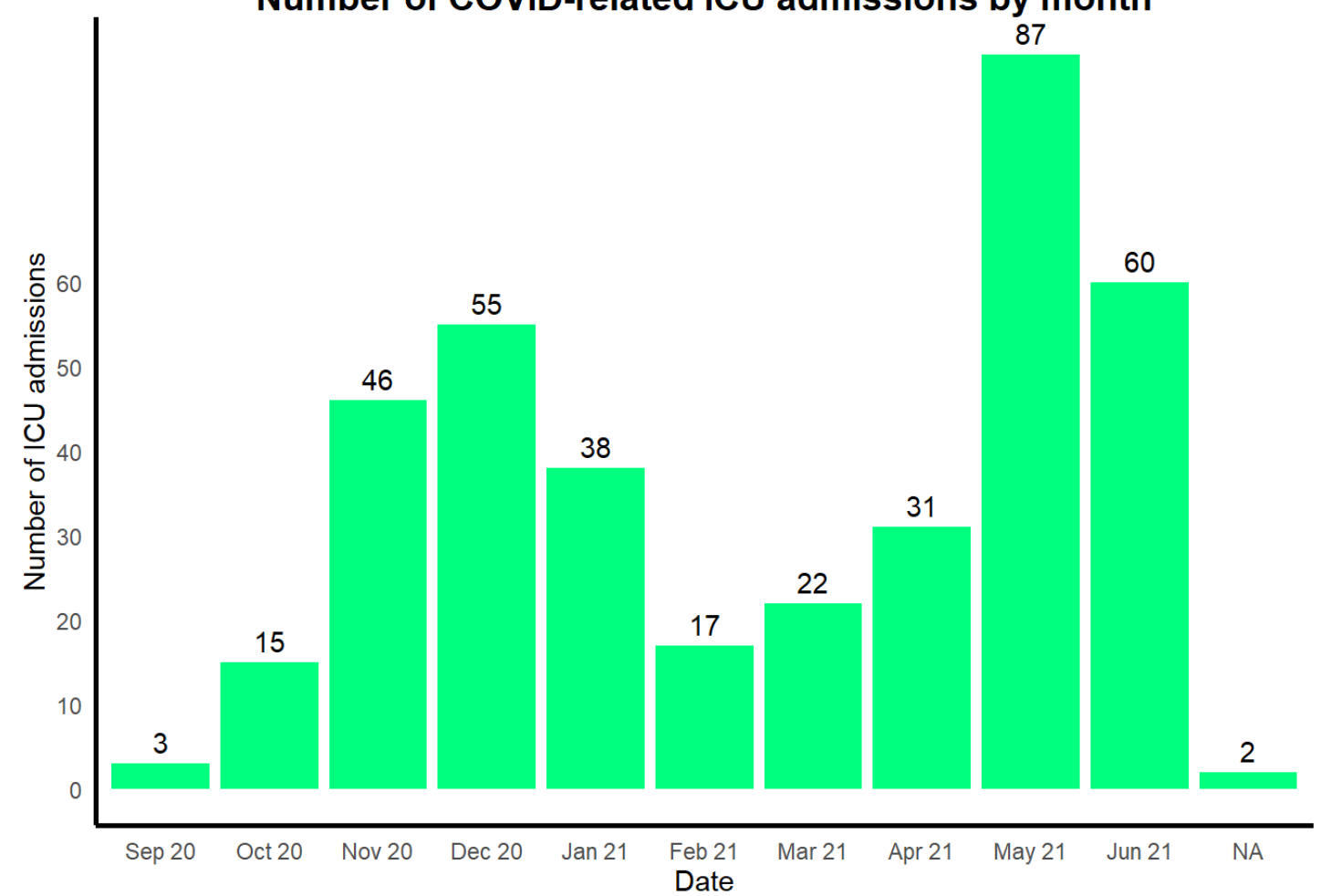
Number of COVID-related deaths by month



Number of COVID-related hospitalizations by month

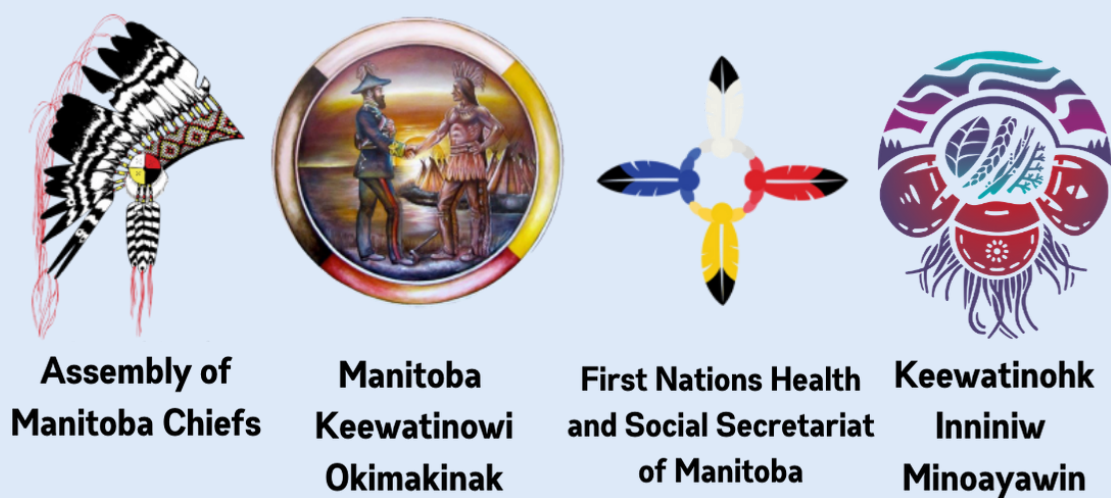


Number of COVID-related ICU admissions by month



Discussion:

At present 24 of the 63 First Nation communities have active cases of COVID-19, but only 4 have more than 10 cases. Most of the cases in First Nation communities are due to the B117 Variant of Concern. Although we see some cases in people who are partially vaccinated, there are very few cases that are happening in fully vaccinated people. The vast majority of cases happen in people who are not vaccinated.



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New cases numbers, test positivity rates, and hospitalizations have all come down in the province at the same time that vaccine coverage is increasing. On June 26, 2021 the Province moved from Code Red to Code Orange. This was at the same time that new public health orders came into effect. Changes in these orders include:

- Gatherings outside your home of your household plus 10 people;
- Indoor gatherings in public settings up to 5 people;
- Outdoor gatherings up to 25 people in public places;
- Weddings and funerals of 10 people if indoors or 25 people if outdoors;
- Many businesses and personal services are opened with capacity restrictions;
- Restaurants are open for indoor and outdoor dining with capacity restrictions. If dining indoors you can dine with your own household or with others if everyone is fully vaccinated;
- Indigenous cultural events can occur indoors with 25% capacity or 25 people maximum, and outdoors with 50 people maximum.

The full orders are available here for the full list of things that have been opened and with what restrictions:
https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/20212022/orders-soe-06302021.pdf

We encourage everyone to spend time outdoors, reconnecting with family and friends and participating in land-based activities. We can safely do this while continuing to keep our close contacts low, practicing physical distancing, and considering wearing a mask even outdoors when that isn't possible.

There are still lots of opportunities to get vaccinated. Sharing your story about why you got fully vaccinated and what it was like might help other people make the same choice. The more people in our communities- on and off reserve- who are vaccinated, the safer we all will be.

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
https://d5d8ad59-8391-4802-9f0a-f5f5d600d7e9.filesusr.com/ugd/38252a_de8caedd52c5409e9607394c383c7929.pdf?index=true

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