



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Bow Crest Long Term Care Home – Calgary
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Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Bow Crest Long Term Care Home in Calgary on April 2 after two staff members tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. Since the outbreak was declared four staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Three staff cases have since resolved and the remaining staff member is in self-isolation at home.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Bow Crest. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents in the East Wing are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

Most Bow Crest residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are ongoing.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits from designated family/support person and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the residents.

Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our long term care homes and retirement residences.