



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Riverview Long Term Care Home – Medicine Hat
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Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Riverview Long Term Care Home in Medicine Hat on April 5 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. At the direction of Public Health, all residents and staff will be tested.

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 Riverview. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents on the Elkwater Strathcona and Alberta Churchill home areas are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Riverview 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. Visits from designated family/support persons are temporarily cancelled. 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.