



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at The Bentley Yorkton Retirement Residence – Yorkton**

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Since the outbreak of COVID-19 was declared at The Bentley Yorkton Retirement Residence in Yorkton on April 12, we have received confirmation that five residents and three staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. All staff members have recovered.

The Bentley is part of the Yorkton community, and we want to acknowledge the remarkable support and encouragement we have received from the families and friends of our residents. Your support has meant the world to us as we care for our residents in these challenging times. We cannot thank everyone enough for the love and generosity they have shown.

We continue to work closely with Saskatchewan Health Authority officials and have implemented pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are isolated in their rooms with contact and droplet precautions in place and are monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at The Bentley Yorkton, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

To promote physical distancing, residents are being served meals in their rooms. Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

Residents of The Bentley Yorkton who have consented, and are able to be vaccinated, have received their first dose. Eligible staff vaccinations are also underway.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Visits have been cancelled during the outbreak, except for essential caregivers. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.