



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Riverview Long Term Care Home – Medicine Hat
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Riverview Long Term Care Home in Medicine Hat on August 15 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 on the affected unit will be tested.

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

All staff are screened at the beginning of their shifts and are being cohorted to work on the affected unit. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection when on the affected home area.

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

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the affected home unit are to remain on their unit at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

Most Riverview residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak.

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.