



**Media Statement – Update on Riverview Long Term Care Home – Medicine Hat
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) has confirmed that four residents and six staff members of Riverview Long Term Care Home in Medicine Hat have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on August 15. We regret to confirm that one resident has passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Riverview offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the resident who passed away.

We are working closely with AHS officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Riverview, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

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

At the direction of Public Health, all residents 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. Most staff are also fully vaccinated.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on 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.