



**Media Statement – Update on Arbutus Care Centre – Vancouver, BC
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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We received confirmation on August 14 that one staff member of Arbutus Care Centre in Vancouver, BC, tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member who tested positive is in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. As was already in practice, all residents are monitored closely for symptoms and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. Staff providing care for residents in isolation wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) which includes a mask, eye protection, gloves and gown. All staff are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We continue to do enhanced cleaning at Arbutus Care Centre, cleaning high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas, and staff rooms more frequently. In an abundance of caution, all residents will be served their meals in their rooms and all recreation activities have been cancelled during this declared outbreak. We will focus on providing one-on-one activities to maintain social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. We will continue to reach out to all families of residents as often as possible to provide updates on their loved ones during this time of physical isolation.

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.