



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Update on Arbutus Care Centre – Vancouver, B.C.
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Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has confirmed that 62 residents of Arbutus Care Centre in Vancouver have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on November 13. Twenty-four residents have recovered. We regret to confirm that seven residents have passed away since the outbreak began. We offer our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of these residents.

A total of 20 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began; of these, 14 have resolved and the rest are in self-isolation at home.

We continue to work very closely with Vancouver Coastal Health and are following 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. Gowns are required when entering resident rooms.

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

As a precaution, all residents remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities are being continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We continue to update residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. All family visits are postponed until after the outbreak is declared over. Essential visits for palliative residents are 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.