



**Media Statement – Update on Beacon Hill Lodge Personal Care Home – Winnipeg
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The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Beacon Hill Lodge Personal Care Home in Winnipeg on September 1, 2020. A total of 17 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. There are currently no active cases of COVID-19 among residents. We regret to confirm that one resident of Beacon Hill Lodge has passed away with COVID-19; this person had been on end-of-life care. The team at Beacon Hill offers its most sincere condolences to this person's family and friends.

WRHA also confirms that 14 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Of these, one staff member has an active case and remains at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Beacon Hill Lodge, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

All residents in the home have been asked to self-isolate in their rooms. Meals are served in resident rooms with supervision and assistance as required. To maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation, individual recreation activities continue.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to designated family caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and we appreciate their patience and understanding as we put these precautions in place for the safety of our 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.