



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg on September 23. In total, 20 residents have tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, there are no residents in the home with an active case of COVID-19. We regret to confirm that five residents of Heritage Lodge have passed away with COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of these residents, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

Sixteen members of the Heritage Lodge staff have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Currently, there are three active cases among staff. These staff members are in self-isolation at home.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials 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.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Heritage Lodge. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

Revera is collaborating with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and the decision was made that all residents remain in their rooms at all times. One on one recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily. Designated family caregiver visits and essential visits for palliative residents will be 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.