



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Maples Personal Care Home – Winnipeg
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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority confirms that 153 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on October 20. There are currently no residents with active cases of COVID-19. We regret to confirm that 55 residents of Maples have passed away with COVID-19. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of these residents, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

Maples has had 62 staff members test positive for COVID-19 during this outbreak. There are four staff members with active cases of COVID-19. These individuals are self-isolating in their homes.

We continue to work closely with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) officials. We are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents in the home are isolated in their rooms and are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shift and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment while in the home. Staff are cohorted to provide care for areas with residents who tested negative or positive.

We are doing enhanced cleaning, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms. Individual recreation activities continue to maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation. Virtual visits can be arranged through the recreation team.

We are updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak and are providing regular phone, email and automated voicemail message updates and conducting telephone town halls. We understand that this is a very stressful time for residents, their families and our staff and we are doing everything we can to control the spread of COVID-19 in the home.