



**Media Statement – Update on McConachie Gardens Retirement Residence – Edmonton
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Alberta Health has confirmed that 32 residents of McConachie Gardens Retirement Residence in Edmonton have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 1, 2020. Of these, 16 resident cases have resolved. We regret to confirm that another resident has passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. We now have had four residents pass away which is very upsetting to the families, friends and staff. The team at McConachie Gardens offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away. We can confirm that 11 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Seven of these staff cases have resolved, and the remaining four staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Alberta Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at McConachie Gardens 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 residence. We are conducting weekly, all-staff surveillance testing of employees at McConachie Gardens. We continue to screen all staff at the beginning and end of each shift, and all pandemic protocols, enhanced cleaning regimes and other infection prevention and control measures remain in place.

All residents in the residence 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 Alberta Health, visits by designated family/support persons, and essential visits for palliative residents, are allowed.

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.

