



**Media Statement – Update on COVID-19 Outbreak at Meadowlands Retirement Residence –
Medicine Hat**

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Public Health has confirmed that nine residents of Meadowlands Retirement Residence in Medicine Hat have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 19. Of these, one resident case has resolved. We regret to confirm that two residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Meadowlands offers its heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of the residents who passed away.

Public Health also confirmed that one staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. This person remains at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Public Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Residents are isolated in their suites and monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the residence.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Meadowlands, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident suites, common areas and staff rooms.

To promote physical distancing, residents are being served meals in their suites. Group recreation programming has been replaced by individual activities with residents for social engagement.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. Visits have been cancelled during the outbreak, except for essential visitors. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions. After the outbreak is resolved, we will notify families as soon as we are able to resume visits.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.