



**Media Statement – Update on Bow-Crest Long Term Care Home – Calgary
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Bow-Crest Long Term Care Home in Calgary on January 30 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19 as part of asymptomatic testing. The resident is in isolation within the home.

We are working closely with AHS officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Bow-Crest, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, 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 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

All residents on the second floor 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.

The majority of Bow-Crest residents who have consented and are eligible to be vaccinated have now received their second dose. Staff vaccinations are also ongoing.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to designated family/support person 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.