



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre – Calgary
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre in Calgary today after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. At the direction of AHS, all residents will be tested this week. All staff will be tested as part of on-going staff surveillance testing. The outbreak does not involve residents or staff of McKenzie Towne Retirement Residence.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict 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 McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All McKenzie Towne residents who wish to be vaccinated have now received their first dose. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are informing the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. All general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits from designated family/support person 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.