



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Poseidon Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Poseidon Care Centre in Winnipeg on October 31. A total of 43 residents have tested positive for COVID-19. There are no residents with active cases in the home. We regret to confirm that nine residents of Poseidon have passed away due to COVID-19. Our sincere condolences go to their families and friends and to all those who have lost someone they loved to this pandemic.

Public Health also confirmed that 18 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. All staff cases have resolved.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following 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 Poseidon. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

Revera is collaborating with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, and all residents are asked remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will continue to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Poseidon residents who have consented and are able to be vaccinated have now received their first dose. We anticipate that the second dose will be made available to residents next week. Vaccinations for staff are underway according to the process and eligibility criteria outlined by Shared Health.

We are keeping residents, their families and our staff informed of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily. Designated family caregiver visits and essential visits for palliative residents are 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.