



**Media Statement – COVID-19 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 Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg on February 21 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19. The resident recently returned to Poseidon from hospital, after testing negative for COVID-19 before discharge, and has been in isolation in a private room since their return. Revera was notified by the hospital that an exposure occurred during the hospital stay. According to protocol, the resident was re-tested at Poseidon and the results confirm resident is positive for COVID-19.

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 Poseidon. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the second floor 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 Poseidon residents who were able to and consented to be vaccinated have now received their second dose. Vaccinations for staff are also underway.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Designated family caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted once contact tracing is complete.

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.