



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at South Terrace Long Term Care Home – Edmonton
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at South Terrace Long Term Care Home in Edmonton on January 31 after two staff members tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff members are in self-isolation at home.

We are working very closely with AHS 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 South Terrace. 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 South Terrace residents, who have provided consent and are able to be vaccinated, have now received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine. We have received confirmation that residents will be receiving their second vaccine dose later this week. Residents who have not yet received their first dose will also receive it during this time.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. All general visits are temporarily cancelled, only 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.