



**Media Statement – Update on Valleyview Care Centre – Brandon
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Prairie Mountain Health has confirmed that one staff member of Valleyview Care Centre in Brandon has tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on February 16. The staff member remains at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Prairie Mountain Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Valleyview, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, 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. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the 1st floor are to remain in their rooms at all times.

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.

All residents at Valleyview, who consented to or were able to be vaccinated, have received their second dose. Staff vaccinations are on-going.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits from designated family caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted on a case by case basis.

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.