



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Bow-Crest Continuing Care Centre – Calgary
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Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Bow-Crest Continuing Care Centre in Calgary on January 30 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19 as part of asymptomatic testing. The resident is in isolation within the home. All residents were tested on January 30 and all staff will be tested again in the coming days.

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 Bow-Crest. 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. Residents on the second floor have been placed on contact and droplet precautions. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

The majority of Bow-Crest residents and staff who have consented and are eligible to be vaccinated have now received their first dose. Another round of vaccinations is scheduled for the coming week.

We have informed residents, their families and staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits from designated family/support persons 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.