



**Media Statement – Update on COVID-19 Outbreak at Charleswood Care Centre – Winnipeg
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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Charleswood Care Centre in Winnipeg on November 20. Since that time, 106 residents and 43 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. There are currently three residents and five staff members with active cases of COVID-19.

With great sadness, we confirm that 38 residents have passed away due to COVID-19. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to all the family, friends and communities who have lost a loved one.

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 Charleswood Care Centre. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

Under the guidance of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, residents on two units are now out of isolation and able to leave their rooms. For these residents, meals are served in a dining area specific to their unit, with physical distancing protocols being respected at all times. Meals continue to be delivered to those residents who remain in isolation. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

Charleswood is ready to support the vaccination of our residents and we have been instructed to expect the province's focused immunization team this week. We have the necessary supplies and are obtaining consent from residents or their substitute decision-makers in advance. Vaccinations for staff are underway according to the process and eligibility criteria outlined by Shared Health.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily.

Designated family/support person visits and essential visits for palliative residents are permitted.



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.