



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre – Calgary
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Alberta Health Services (AHS) has confirmed that two residents of McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 19, 2020 after a Designated Family Support Person tested positive for the virus. Both residents have now recovered. The outbreak does not involve residents or staff of McKenzie Towne Retirement Residence.

AHS also confirmed since the outbreak began, one staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member and their close contacts are isolating at home.

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.

McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre is ready to support the vaccination of our residents, which will begin tomorrow, as directed by Public Health. We have the necessary supplies and have been obtaining consent from residents or their substitute decision makers in advance. Vaccinations for staff are also underway.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at McKenzie Towne. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to designated family members/support persons and essential visitors for palliative residents.

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.