



**Media Statement – Update on Royal City Manor Long Term Care Home – New Westminster
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Fraser Health Authority has confirmed that 61 residents of Royal City Manor Long Term Care Home in New Westminster have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on January 3. We regret to confirm that three residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Royal City Manor offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people who passed away.

Fraser Health also confirmed that 17 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. These people are self-isolating in their homes.

We are working closely with Fraser Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Royal City Manor, 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.

Staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask, gown and eye protection while in the home.

All residents in the home have been asked to self-isolate in their rooms. Meals are served in resident rooms with supervision and assistance as required.

The distribution of vaccines is being organized by the provincial department in concert with Fraser Health. Vaccination clinics have begun for our residents. Vaccinations for staff are also underway; most staff have now received their first dose.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. In consultation with Fraser Health, visits are restricted to essential visits for palliative residents.

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.

