



**Media Statement – COVID-19 outbreak at Hollyburn House Retirement Residence – West Vancouver**

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Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) declared an outbreak in the Care Centre area of Hollyburn House Retirement Residence in West Vancouver on June 21 after one resident and one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is in isolation in their room. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. Note: this outbreak is limited to the licensed care centre area of the residence and does not involve the independent living or assisted living areas.

We are working closely with VCH officials who are onsite this week to support the care centre and to help implement pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Residents are monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning of their shifts, tested regularly, and are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

Residents on affected units are being tested in consultation with public health. Residents are receiving their meals in their rooms and group recreation activities are being replaced with one-to-one interactions to maintain social engagement during the outbreak.

We continue to do enhanced cleaning at Hollyburn House, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of public health, social visits are cancelled during the outbreak and essential visits may continue with one visitor at a time per resident. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions.

All the residents of Hollyburn House who have consented and are able to be vaccinated have received their first and second doses. Almost all the staff have also had their first dose, and a large majority of staff are fully vaccinated. Second shots for the remaining staff seeking their second doses is ongoing.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.