



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Aspen Ridge Retirement Residence – Red Deer
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Since Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Aspen Ridge Retirement Residence on February 1, we have received confirmation that 35 residents and nine staff have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members are in self-isolation at home.

We regret to confirm that two residents of Aspen Ridge passed away with COVID-19 earlier this week. The team at Aspen Ridge offers its most sincere condolences to the families friends of the people we lost to the pandemic.

We continue to work closely with Alberta Health Services officials and are following our pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. An AHS Public Health team attended Aspen Ridge today to offer the first round of vaccine to eligible residents.

Residents are isolated in their rooms and monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Aspen Ridge, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms frequently. To promote physical distancing, residents are being served meals in their rooms.

Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement. We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak.

Visits have been cancelled during the outbreak, except for essential visitors. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions. After the outbreak is resolved, we will notify families as soon as we are able to resume visits.

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