



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg on March 10 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. At the direction of public health, all residents on the first floor will be tested on March 11.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict 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 Heritage Lodge. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the first floor and second floor are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

Most residents at Heritage Lodge who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have received both doses of the vaccine. Vaccinations for staff are ongoing.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits from designated family caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted once contact tracing is complete.

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.