



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Poseidon Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has confirmed that no additional residents or staff of Poseidon Care Centre in Winnipeg have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on February 21 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19 following a hospital stay. Staff are being tested weekly as part of ongoing surveillance testing.

We are working closely with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority officials and are maintaining strict pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Poseidon, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, 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 and eye protection while in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the second floor are to remain in their rooms at all times. To maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation, individual recreation activities continue.

All Poseidon residents who were able to and consented to be vaccinated have now received their second dose. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Designated family caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents are permitted.

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.