



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Jasper Place Long Term Care Home – Edmonton
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Alberta Health Services (AHS) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Jasper Place Continuing Care Centre in Edmonton on May 15. Since the outbreak was declared, three staff members and three residents have tested positive for COVID-19. We regret to confirm one resident has passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Jasper Place offers its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the resident who passed away during the pandemic.

We are working closely with AHS officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Jasper Place, 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 of their shifts and all staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in Wing 1 are to remain in their rooms at all times on contact and droplet precautions. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Jasper Place residents who were eligible and wished to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits for palliative residents will be permitted. 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.