



**Media Statement – – Update on outbreak at Riverbend Retirement Residence – Edmonton
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Since Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Riverbend Retirement Residence on May 4, we have received confirmation that one resident and one staff member have tested positive for COVID-19. The resident has since recovered, and the staff member is at-home in self-isolation.

We continue to work closely with public health officials and are following our pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. 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 Riverbend, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

Residents of Riverbend who have consented, and are able to be vaccinated, have received their second dose. Staff vaccinations are also underway.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Visits have been cancelled during the outbreak, except for Designated Family Support Visits. 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 outdoor and social 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 and long term care homes.