



**Media Statement – Update on McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Home – Calgary
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We received confirmation late yesterday (May 16) of a new positive test for a resident of McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre. At the direction of Alberta Health Services, all the residents of the home area in which the resident lives and all staff have been swabbed. We await test results and a decision on testing of all other residents.

We are working with public health officials investigating whether this is a new exposure or if the resident was previously exposed to COVID-19 but had no symptoms until now.

At this point, the renewed outbreak means that outdoor visits, which we had hoped to offer this coming week, are on hold again for the many families who have been anticipating visiting their loved ones in person. We will learn more about AHS's plans this week after the tests results are returned.

The total number of positive cases since the outbreak began is now 63 confirmed resident cases (with two presumed positive cases) and 44 staff. We continue to grieve with the families and friends of the 21 people we have lost to COVID-19. To date, 43 residents and 43 staff members have now recovered, for which we are truly grateful.

Despite this setback, the team at McKenzie Towne is determined to prevent further spread of the virus among residents or staff. We work closely with Alberta Health Service's public health experts to implement infection prevention and control directives and we are very grateful for the support and expertise they are providing to us. Staff continue to follow pandemic protocols and wear Personal Protective Equipment, as per AHS guidelines, at all times.

The home has communicating regularly with the families of the residents by email to keep them up to date on the situation at the home and families are called regularly with updates on their loved ones.

The team at McKenzie Towne appreciates the support and generosity they have received from the families of residents and the community