

**Media Statement – Eight additional positive COVID-19 test results for residents at McKenzie Towne Long Term Home – Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Yesterday, Alberta Health Services advised us that COVID-19 tests for another eight residents of McKenzie Towne Continuing Care Centre were positive, for a total of 13 positive tests to date.

We are awaiting results of swabs for COVID-19 for 10 residents currently in isolation for respiratory illnesses or possible COVID-19 symptoms.

Six residents who had some respiratory symptoms have returned negative tests for COVID-19. Several of the residents who tested positive have no symptoms, which is atypical and has made identifying potential COVID-19 cases more challenging.

Four of the home's eight resident areas are in full outbreak isolation now. The other four home areas do not have residents experiencing respiratory illness or symptoms. These areas of the home are practicing pandemic protocols, including appropriate physical distancing.

In the home areas under outbreak isolation, we actively monitor all residents, and staff members follow outbreak infection control protocols. All staff with direct contact with residents with respiratory symptoms wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) while providing care. This applies to RNs, LPNs, HCAs, dietary aides, recreation and housekeeping staff. The residents in these areas are fed their meals in their room on overbed trays.

We have undertaken enhanced cleaning of the home since the pandemic was declared. This includes bringing in extra housekeeping staff to do more frequent cleaning, especially in high touch areas like doorknobs, handrails, common areas, staff rooms and seating areas. A Clorox 360 Disinfectant Cleaner is being used to do deep cleaning and disinfecting of resident rooms and common areas.

To promote social distancing all recreation programming has been cancelled. Recreation staff do one-on-one activities with residents to keep them socially engaged.

We appreciate the support of Alberta Health Services in maintaining adequate supplies of PPE for our staff. We are bringing in extra staffing resources to support the outbreak response.

Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our long term care homes and retirement residences.