



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Maples Personal Care Home – Winnipeg
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Surveillance testing of residents of Maples Personal Care Home in Winnipeg is complete. As of today, 118 residents have tested positive for COVID-19. There are 100 active cases and 12 resident cases have resolved.

We regret to confirm that six residents of Maples have passed away with COVID-19 in recent days, as announced by the province. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of these residents, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

Thirty-nine staff members of Maples have tested positive for COVID-19. Thirty-seven are active cases, self-isolating in their homes and two staff members have resolved.

With several staff self-isolating after testing positive, we continue to recruit employees and augment staffing with agency nurses and personnel from security firms to support operations and help keep residents isolated in their rooms.

Revera has reached out the Canadian Red Cross and is working them through the WRHA on a plan to provide additional staffing resources to support the residents with delivery of meals, recreation activities and companionship, maintaining isolation in rooms.

Revera has engaged Winnipeg-based epidemiologist Cynthia Carr and her team to assist us at Maples and Parkview Place. The team is assisting us with data analysis and contact tracing to determine sources of transmission and to help us understand the unusually high rate of asymptomatic positive cases and atypical symptoms that we have seen recently. Their support will free up staff time to provide more care to residents and will support our evidence-based decision-making, in concert with the WRHA, in managing the outbreak.

We continue to work closely with Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents in the home are isolated in their rooms are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily. Residents have been cohorted to separate positive cases from those who tested negative.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shift and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment while in the home. Staff are also cohorted to provide care for areas with residents who tested negative or positive.



Individual recreation activities continue to maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation. Virtual visits can be arranged through the recreation team.

We are doing enhanced cleaning, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

We continue to update residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak and will provide regular phone, email and automated voicemail message updates.

We understand that this is a very stressful time for residents, their families and our staff and we are doing everything we can to control the spread of COVID-19 in the home.