



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Poseidon Care Centre – Winnipeg
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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Poseidon Care Centre in Winnipeg today after one asymptomatic staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms and anyone who shows signs or symptoms of the virus will be tested and their families notified. Contact tracing has been completed. Residents in the affected area are being isolated to their rooms.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and had already been cohorted to work in assigned resident areas. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Poseidon Care Centre. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We are informing the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily. Designated family caregiver visits and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the 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.