



**Media Statement – Update on at Beacon Hill Lodge Term Care Home – Winnipeg  
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Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) has confirmed that three residents and three staff members of Beacon Hill Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on September 1.

We are working closely with the WRHA to implement pandemic outbreak protocols and enhanced infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents on the affected floor are required to stay in their rooms, and all residents are monitored for symptoms twice daily and will be tested if they present any potential symptoms or signs of the virus or if there has been possible exposure.

The staff members who tested positive are in self-isolation at home. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and all-staff surveillance testing is done periodically. All staff continue to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves, gowns and eye protection in the home when in contact with residents.

All residents on floors with potential exposure are isolated in their rooms; other residents are to remain on their floors to minimize the possibility of exposure. Meals will be served in rooms with supervision and assistance as required. One on one recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily. Essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and 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.