



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) confirmed that twelve residents of Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg have tested positive for COVID-19 to date. We regret to confirm that two residents have passed away with COVID-19 this week. The team at Heritage Lodge offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away. Five residents have recovered and there are 5 active cases in the home at the present time.

WRHA also confirmed that, to date, four staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and remain at home in self-isolation

We are working closely with WRHA Public Health officials and have implemented pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff continue to wear the indicated PPE which includes an appropriate mask, gloves and eye protection in the home when in contact with residents.

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

As a precaution, all residents in the home are in isolation in their rooms. In shared rooms, residents are separated by a dividing wall or curtain, and washrooms are being cleaned frequently. Meals are being delivered on trays, with staff present for anyone who needs assistance or supervision while eating.

The Recreation team is providing individual activities to keep residents stimulated and engaged, including arranging video calls with families, during this time of isolation.

We are updating residents and staff regularly on the status of the outbreak. To keep the families of residents informed, we are providing update to the appropriate family contact (designated family member, Power of Attorney/Substitute Decision Maker, Public Trustee) by phone, email and automated calls. At WRHA direction, visits on the units are being restricted to essential visitors only.

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.