



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) has confirmed that 15 residents of Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on September 23. We regret to confirm that four residents have passed away with COVID-19 during this outbreak. The team at Heritage Lodge offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away. Eight residents have recovered and there are three active cases among residents in the home at the present time.

WRHA also confirmed that, to date, six staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Five of these cases have resolved, and the remaining staff member remains at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with the WRHA to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and 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 are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus or if there has been possible exposure.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff continue to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment while in the home.

All residents in the home remain in isolation in their rooms. Meals are served in rooms with supervision and assistance as required. Individual recreation activities continue to maintain stimulation and 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, visits on the units are restricted to essential visitors only.

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