



**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 this morning, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) confirms that a total of 96 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 34 residents tested negative. Almost all the residents who tested positive are asymptomatic, with only five showing symptoms.

Fourteen staff members at Maples have tested positive for COVID-19 and are self-isolating in their homes. All staff are asymptomatic and were tested last week as part of all-staff surveillance testing. We await test results on 71 residents and 16 staff who were swabbed this week.

We are working 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. We have begun cohorting cases to keep positive residents together and separate from negative ones.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. Staff are cohorted to each floor and continue to wear the appropriate personal protective equipment while in the home.

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 have updated 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.