



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Beacon Hill Lodge Personal Care Home – Winnipeg
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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We received confirmation from Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) on September 1 that a staff member at Beacon Hill Lodge Personal Care Home in Winnipeg has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living and WRHA Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored closely for symptoms and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. As a precaution, residents are being isolated on their floors and staff are being cohorted to work on dedicated floors. All staff are always required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the home when in contact with residents.

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

At the direction of Public Health, we have adjusted our mealtime and recreation activities. Meal service will be limited to individual floors to allow staff to provide mealtime supervision and assistance as required. Group recreation programs have been replaced by activities contained to each floor to maintain social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Visits are being restricted to essential visitors only. We will reach out to all families of residents to notify them when we are able to resume visits.

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.