



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home – Winnipeg
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On September 23, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) confirmed that one resident of Heritage Lodge Long Term Care Home in Winnipeg tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is asymptomatic, and residents who may have been in close contact with this resident have been placed in isolation in their rooms as a precaution. We await further tests on residents and staff at the direction of WRHA.

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.

We have adjusted our mealtime and recreation activities to promote physical distancing. Meals are being served on trays in resident rooms for the Residents in isolation. Group recreation programs have been replaced by one-on-one activities to maintain social engagement.

We are currently updating residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak and will continue to provide regular updates. 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.