



**Media Statement – Update on Arbutus Long Term Care Home – Vancouver
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Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) has confirmed that fifteen residents of Arbutus Long Term Care Home in Vancouver have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on August 30. We had previously reported that sixteen residents had tested positive for COVID-19. However, Vancouver Coastal Health has officially rescinded one of these cases, because it was not a new infection.

Twelve of these cases have since resolved. We regret to confirm that one resident has passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Arbutus offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the resident who passed away.

VCH has also confirmed that five staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. All of these cases have since resolved.

We are working closely with VCH officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Arbutus frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus. Staff are screened and rapid tested at the beginning of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection when in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the second floor are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

Most Arbutus residents and staff are now fully vaccinated. Vaccinations for the remaining residents and staff are ongoing.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, **general visits to the affected unit are cancelled temporarily, essential visits are permitted.**

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.

