



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Aspen Ridge Retirement Residence – Red Deer
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Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak at Aspen Ridge retirement residence after one resident and one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. Residents and staff members are being tested in consultation with Alberta Health Services.

We are working closely with Alberta Health Services officials to implement pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Residents are isolated in their rooms and monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Aspen Ridge, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

To promote physical distancing, residents are being served meals in their rooms. Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Almost all residents and staff members of Aspen Ridge have been vaccinated.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.