



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Riverbend Retirement Residence – Edmonton
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Alberta Health Services declared an outbreak at Riverbend Retirement Residence in Edmonton on September 8 after two residents tested positive for COVID-19. Since then eight more residents have tested positive, for a total of ten residents. To date, no staff members have tested positive.

We continue to work closely with Alberta Health Services officials to implement pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices.

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

All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms. Almost all Riverbend residents and staff have been fully vaccinated. Third doses of vaccine for residents were administered on September 10. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. Unvaccinated staff receive antigen testing prior to each shift. All staff are required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment in the home.

We are keeping residents, their families and the staff updated on the status of the outbreak.

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.