



Update for Families January 20, 2022

Luther Home Personal Care Home continues to be in a **Mixed COVID-19 and Common Cold Outbreak** as of today, January 20, 2022.

We currently have two Residents and a number of Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19. The number of positive Staff cases is declining at this time.

There are currently seventeen Residents who are symptomatic of respiratory illness, and as such are being isolated to their rooms and placed on contact/droplet precautions. Seven Residents have resolved symptoms and have come out of isolation. As per Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) direction, symptomatic Residents have been swabbed and tested.

All of the Residents who are either COVID positive or have symptoms of the common cold are all doing quite well. While all our Residents have been limited to their rooms, we have increased in-room, one on one visits with our Recreation and Spiritual Care Staff to mitigate feelings of isolation. Dr. Kevin Saunders has also recently joined our Medical Staff to assist with the Medical Coverage Plan and the significant volume of work related to the Outbreak.

We continue to consult regularly with the Winnipeg Regional Long Term Care IPC designate. This consultation has resulted in the following IPC measures being maintained throughout the duration of the Outbreak:

- Isolation and enhanced Droplet/ Contact precautions in place for all symptomatic Residents.
- Dedicated equipment/or strict diligence to equipment cleaning with disinfectant between rooms.
- Specimen collection for all Residents in the affected Section(s).
- Sections A and D have been quarantined.
- Active Case finding for symptomatic Residents.



- Ongoing Staff Education blitzes in self-screening, hand hygiene, and PPE donning and doffing.
- Resident movement has been limited. Residents remain in their rooms as much as possible and medical masks are placed on those who wander.
- All Admissions have been placed on hold.
- The Medical Coverage Plan is now in place.
- All group activities have been discontinued.
- Recreation and Spiritual Care are doing 1:1 with Residents in their rooms.
- All Visitation and Social Leaves continue to be on hold.
- Dietary has switched to in-room dining where possible and safe.
- PPE and Hand Hygiene Audits have increased.
- Staff have been encouraged to limit outside contacts.

We will continue to monitor and test all Residents and Staff for the presence of COVID-19. If there is a further change in our outbreak status we will notify all families and stakeholders.

We appreciate your concern for your loved one. Our priority at this time is the care and safety of our Residents. If you have any questions or inquiries regarding this Outbreak please call our dedicated phone number (431) 336 1882.

Once again, your patience and understanding are appreciated as we work through this Outbreak.

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