



## Outbreak Update for Families November 21, 2023

Luther Home Personal Care Home is declaring a **facility wide Influenza A outbreak** effective today November 21, 2023.

We appreciate this is unsettling news for our Residents and their loved ones. Please be assured that we have moved quickly to enact precautions that will attempt to prevent any further spread of illness.

We currently have three (3) Residents who have tested positive for Influenza A. As of today, we have several Residents who are symptomatic.

In consultation with the Winnipeg Regional Long Term Care IPC designate, the following Infection Prevention and Control (IP&C) measures have been implemented for all Residents:

- Isolation and enhanced Droplet/ Contact precautions for all symptomatic Residents.
- Masking is now mandatory for anyone entering the Home. Residents are to be masked when leaving their rooms as tolerated.
- Dedicated equipment and strict diligence to equipment cleaning with disinfectant between rooms.
- Increased cleaning of high touch surfaces.
- Specimen collection for all Residents who become symptomatic.
- Active Case finding for symptomatic Residents.
- Ongoing Staff Education in self-screening, hand hygiene, and PPE donning and doffing.
- The Medical Coverage Plan has been initiated, all residents will be receiving Tamiflu prophylactically as per WRHA protocol and under instructions from medical director.
- All group activities have been discontinued for Residents.
- Recreation to do 1:1 programming with Residents with physical distancing.



- Resident Visitation will be limited to Designated Family Caregivers and End of Life situations. We ask that General Visitors not attend until the Outbreak is declared over. Masking and hand hygiene are required upon entry.
- Volunteer Services have been suspended.
- Dietary to switch to in-room dining for all Residents.
- Admissions will be suspended until the outbreak is declared over.

We appreciate your concern for your loved one. Our priority at this time is the care of our Residents. We will continue to monitor all Residents and Staff for the presence of Influenza A. If there is a change in our outbreak status we will notify all families and stakeholders immediately.

Please understand that this is a rapidly developing situation and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this Outbreak.

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