



Update for Families March 11, 2022

Luther Home Personal Care Home is currently in a **COVID-19 Outbreak** that was declared on March 7, 2022.

We currently have twenty-six (26) Residents and fifteen (15) Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19. All families of COVID positive Residents have been contacted and provided an update as to their loved one's condition. The majority of Residents have experienced mild symptoms.

All Resident have either been isolated (for COVID positive) or quarantined (for all others) in their rooms to prevent further spread of the virus and to protect those who are well.

Residents and close contacts of positive Residents have been and will continue to be swabbed and tested as necessary.

We appreciate this is incredibly unsettling news for our Residents and their Family Members. Please be assured that we have moved quickly to enact precautions that will attempt to prevent further spread of illness. We are in the process of increasing our staffing compliment to ensure the Residents are monitored closely, well hydrated, fed, and entertained while in their rooms.

In consultation with the Winnipeg Regional Long Term Care IPC designate, the following IPC measures have been implemented:

- Isolation and enhanced Droplet/ Contact precautions for all symptomatic Residents.
- Dedicated equipment/or strict diligence to equipment cleaning with disinfectant between rooms.
- Specimen collection for all Residents who are symptomatic or close contacts.
- Active Case finding for symptomatic Residents.



- Ongoing Staff Education blitzes in hypodermoclysis (hydration), feeding and swallowing, self-screening, hand hygiene, and PPE donning and doffing.
- Limit Resident movement. Keep Residents in their rooms, and redirect those who wander back to their rooms.
- All Admissions have been placed on hold.
- The Medical Coverage Plan has been initiated. This includes the addition of a second physician and daily medical rounds.
- All group activities have been discontinued.
- Recreation to do 1:1 with Residents in their rooms.
- All Resident Visitation is cancelled.
- Volunteer Services have been suspended.
- Dietary has switch to in-room dining where possible and safe.
- PPE and Hand Hygiene Audits to increase.
- Staff 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 change in our outbreak status we will notify all families and stakeholders immediately.

We appreciate your concern for your loved one. Our priority at this time is the care and well being of our Residents. If you have any questions or inquiries regarding this Outbreak please call our dedicated phone number (431) 336 1882. The Residents remain in good spirits and are medically stable.

Your patience and understanding are appreciated as we work through this difficult period.

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