



Update for Families January 13, 2022

Luther Home Personal Care Home is declaring a **Mixed COVID-19 and Common Cold Outbreak** effective today January 13, 2022.

We currently have one Resident and a number of Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19.

There are an additional 15 Residents who are symptomatic of respiratory illness, and as such are being isolated to their rooms and placed on contact/droplet precautions. As per Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) protocol, symptomatic Residents have been swabbed and tested, with these results coming back as a common cold (Human Coronavirus 0C43).

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

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 in the affected Section(s).
- Active Case finding for symptomatic Residents.
- Ongoing Staff Education blitzes in self-screening, hand hygiene, and PPE donning and doffing.
- Limit Resident movement. Keep Residents in their rooms, and secure medical masks on those who wander.
- All Admissions have been placed on hold.
- The Medical Coverage Plan has been initiated.



- All group activities have been discontinued.
- Recreation to do 1:1 with Residents in their rooms.
- All Visitation and Social Leaves continue to be on hold.
- Dietary to 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 of our Residents. One of our Staff will be in contact with those families who have a Resident that resides in the affected Section (s) to keep them updated on the condition of those Residents. If you have any questions or inquiries regarding this Outbreak please call our dedicated phone number (431) 336 1882.

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

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