



Outbreak Update for Families January 24, 2024

Through exceptional work and dedication by the entire Luther Home Team, I am pleased to report that the **COVID-19** Outbreak that was declared at Luther Home Personal Care Home on January 16, 2024 has been deemed **Resolved** effective today, January 24, 2024.

Unfortunately, just as the COVID-19 Outbreak was deemed resolved, a **Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)** Outbreak was declared in our Home effective today.

We currently have three (3) Residents who have tested positive for RSV. As of today, there is one (1) other Resident who is symptomatic of a possible RSV illness.

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 remains 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.
- Recreation programming continues for all Residents who are not located in Section E or isolated with flu-like symptoms.



- Resident Visitation will be limited to Designated Family Caregivers and End of Life situations in Section E. We ask that General Visitors not attend Section E until the Outbreak is declared over. Masking and hand hygiene are required upon entry to our Home.
- Dietary to switch to in-room dining for all Residents located in Section E.
- Resident Admissions to Section E will be discontinued until further notice.

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 any respiratory illness. 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 series of Outbreaks.

Keith Bytheway
Chief Executive Officer