



Update for Families March 7, 2022

Luther Home Personal Care Home is declaring a **COVID-19 Outbreak** effective today March 7, 2022.

We currently have three (3) Residents and a number of Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19.

There are also numerous 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 and close contacts of positive Residents have been/will be swabbed and tested. Please understand that this is a rapidly developing situation.

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 attempt to 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 who are symptomatic or close contacts.
- 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 Resident Visitation is cancelled.
- Volunteer Services have been suspended.
- 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 may be a close contact of a positive Resident 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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