

family, resident, and staff update

February 19, 2021

VILLA MARIE COVID-19 OUTBREAK UPDATE

Dear families, residents, and staff,

We have been receiving several questions regarding the outbreak at Villa Marie. We apologize for the confusion.

It has been an unusual set of events these past few days. Please let us clarify the timeline of events:

- On the evening of Sunday, February 14, a staff member who last worked on Long Term Care 1 on Wednesday, February 10 tested positive for COVID-19. We alerted the Central Zone Medical Officer of Health's office and isolated all residents in the entire building as a precautionary measure.
- On Monday, February 15, we notified you of the outbreak and conducted prevalence testing on residents in Long Term Care 1.
- On Tuesday, February 16, the Central Zone Medical Officer of Health's office informed us that our situation does not qualify as an outbreak because the staff member who tested positive was already following isolation precautions having been in close contact with an individual in the community who had tested positive.
- On Wednesday, February 17, a different staff member who works on Supportive Living 1 tested positive for COVID-19. As a precautionary measure, all residents in Supportive Living 1 were quarantined in their rooms, prevalence swabbing to test for COVID-19 was done for all residents, and an outbreak was declared.

Please be assured that we are following all protocols for safety and communication. We continue to work with the best information available to us, as are Alberta Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health.

Outbreak status is updated by 6 pm each weekday on our website at covenantcare.ca. Questions can be directed to your Site Lead at 403-406-5700 or email admin@covenantcare.ca. The most recent information on COVID-19 is available at ahs.ca/COVID.

Please stay healthy and well,

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