

resident, staff, and family update

January 27, 2022

Confirmed COVID-19 Outbreak

Dear Residents, Staff, and Families,

We regret to report that we have a confirmed outbreak of COVID-19 at Foyer Lacombe. This outbreak is currently affecting both staff and residents. Currently there are two (2) staff members who have tested positive and one resident testing positive. The first staff member last worked on January 19, 2022 and developed symptoms on January 20, 2022. The second staff member worked on January 22, 2022 and tested positive on January 23, 2022. Both staff members have been isolating since. The resident became symptomatic on January 26, 2022 and tested positive on January 27, 2022. The resident has been placed on isolation precautions since becoming symptomatic.

Team members from Foyer Lacombe have been and will continue to be in communication with Alberta Health Services Communicable Disease Team in order to ensure all appropriate interventions are implemented. As of today, the following have been recommended and are being implemented in order to keep all individuals at Foyer Lacombe safe:

- One round of asymptomatic/prevalent swabbing for residents and staff is being initiated today.
- Symptomatic residents will be placed under isolation precautions.
- Symptomatic staff will be excluded from work.
- Continuous Masking and Eye Protection for all staff while on site.
- Breakrooms/areas will be regularly monitored for appropriate infection prevention and control measures being followed.
- Admissions/Discharges/Transfers will continue following the RAW process
- High-risk group activities will be put on hold while low-risk group activities can continue.
- Group dining will continue.
- Residents can continue to go off-site.
- Visitation at the site may continue although we ask visitors to delay your visit should you be experiencing any symptoms, no matter how mild.

Please know that we are monitoring everyone very closely and our team is responding with calm, care, and confidence. We are in regular contact with Alberta Health Services, the Medical Officer of Health, and Communicable Diseases to ensure we are following all protocols.

Please do all you can to stay healthy and well. Please keep your close interactions to those who live in your household. Omicron is highly transmissible and the more interactions we have the more likely it is to spread. Immunization continues to be the most important way that we can

decrease risk of severe impact of the virus. All Albertans over the age of 18 are eligible to receive the COVID booster dose. Speak with your local pharmacy or call 811 to book an appointment.

Updates on the outbreak will be posted on the COVID page on the Covenant Care website by 6 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (covenantcare.ca). Please direct questions to Leanne Gugenheimer, Site Administrator, or Renee Worrell-Carter, Resident Care Manager, by phone at 780-544-2100 or by email at Leanne.Gugenheimer@covenantcare.ca or Renee.Worrell-Carter@covenantcare.ca

Please take very good care of yourselves and those around you,

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