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COVID-19 Update Confirmed Outbreak

Dear residents, families, and staff,

The Medical Officer of Health's office declared an outbreak at Martha's House today. Four (4) residents have tested positive for COVID. Three (3) residents are currently symptomatic and are isolated to their suites after testing positive and one resident has recovered. Five staff have tested positive for COVID, with three (3) recovered.

Residents who experience any symptoms of COVID, including, but not limited to, runny nose, congestion, sore throat, cough, achy muscles and/or joints should immediately contact the Resident Attendant on duty at **403-715-2113** and remain in their suite. The Resident Attendant on duty will perform a rapid COVID test on **symptomatic residents only**.

Preventative measures to reduce risk of transmission will include: temporarily halting all recreational activities, ensuring staff are cohorted by department, closing the Hair Salon, and asking that visitation be minimized for the time being. Visitors who do come to Martha's House must follow the guidelines that are already in place including signing in at the front entrance, sanitizing hands, and masking continuously while in common areas. Guests will only be allowed to have meals in the private dining room and country kitchen at this time. Guests who are coming to visit those in isolation will have to wear full personal protective equipment (PPE), including a gown, gloves, mask, and face shield while in the suite. The PPE kits are located outside of those affected resident's suites.

Plans are currently in place for a joint Influenza and bivalent COVID booster immunization clinic for residents and details will follow in the coming days. This will be an added layer of protection for the coming weeks and months.

Please be extra careful in the coming days and weeks to stay safe. You are welcome to direct questions to Karen Larson, Site Manager, by phone at 403-327-2090 or email karen.r.larson@covenantliving.ca.

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