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IH identifies COVID-19 staff case at Kootenay Street Village

CRANBROOK – A staff member of Kootenay Street Village (KSV) has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. No residents have been affected to date.

Kootenay Street Village is a long-term care home with 36 beds. It is owned and operated by the Golden Life Management.

Interior Health and the operator are taking steps to protect the health of all staff, individuals in care and families. A response team comprising infection control and environmental health experts is working with the facility to assess and recommend appropriate infection control response. Communication with residents and families is underway.

The risk of exposure to residents from this case is assessed to be low. Staff working at KSV will only be allowed to work at this facility to reduce risk of transmission to any other facilities in Cranbrook. Any staff deemed to have had significant contact with the case have been directed to self isolate at home for 14 days. Both staff and residents at this facility will be monitored very closely, with testing and isolation as appropriate.

All long-term care homes across the province have introduced enhanced safety measures at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Interior Health has proactively implemented the following at Kootenay Street Village:

- The movement of staff and residents within the facility has been restricted.
- Cleaning and infection control measures have been enhanced.
- Twice a day screening of all staff and residents.

Interior Health will continue to have a presence at the site to take any further actions required and support the facility.

The site has dedicated people to address quality, answer questions from staff, residents and family, and provide active checks for symptoms with staff and residents.

The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control is the recommended resource for provincial information that is accurate and current: <http://www.bccdc.ca/>. Information is being updated frequently on the site at this time and individuals are encouraged to check back regularly.

Interior Health also has frequently updated information on our website www.interiorhealth.ca.