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Interior Health declares long-term care outbreak at Village at Mill Creek

KELOWNA – Interior Health (IH) has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at the Village at Mill Creek long-term care home after conducting a thorough public health investigation.

Two staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. There are no cases among the residents at this time and we continue to monitor the situation, while implementing additional infection control and preventative measures. The two positive cases were exposed outside of the workplace.

To protect the safety of all residents, outbreak protocols have been implemented including a temporary pause in visits.

We are directly contacting anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19 to ensure they are also taking appropriate precautions (self-isolation or monitoring) as required.

Interior Health continues to take steps to protect the health of all staff, individuals in care and families at long-term care homes. This includes:

- Full personal protective equipment (PPE) for any staff providing direct care to residents.
- Ensuring long-term care staff are only working at one care home (as per the provincial single site order).
- Monitoring all residents for respiratory symptoms and doing immediate COVID-19 testing on any individual displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols and COVID-19 visitor policies. *Note: Temporary restrictions on non-essential visits are implemented as per protocols for any outbreak in long-term care.*

To date, no long-term care residents have tested positive for COVID-19 at any homes in IH.

The Village at Mill Creek has 96 publicly funded long-term care beds. It is owned and operated by Baptist Housing Enhanced Living Communities.

Interior Health has frequently updated COVID-19 information on our public website www.interiorhealth.ca.

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