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**Interior Health declares outbreak at Brocklehurst Gemstone Care Centre**

KAMLOOPS – Interior Health has declared an outbreak at Brocklehurst Gemstone Care Centre, a long-term care home.

Four residents have tested positive for COVID-19. Everyone in close contact with these individuals are in self-isolation and monitoring for symptoms.

Gemstone is privately operated by Trellis Seniors Services Ltd. It has 125 publicly funded and five private long-term care beds. Interior Health will continue to monitor the situation, while implementing additional infection control and preventive measures.

There is no indication of a connection to other facilities in Kamloops

To protect the safety of all residents, outbreak protocols are in place, including a pause in all visits at this site, except for patients nearing end of life.

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:

- Ensuring long-term care staff members are only working at one care home (as per the provincial single site order).
- Monitoring of all residents for respiratory symptoms and doing COVID-19 testing on anyone with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols and COVID-19 visitor policies.

Interior Health has frequently updated COVID-19 information on our public website [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca)