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Interior Health declares outbreak at The Florentine in Merritt

MERRITT – Interior Health has declared an outbreak at The Florentine, a privately operated long-term care and assisted-living residence in Merritt.

One resident has tested positive for COVID-19. All staff and residents in close contact with this individual are in self-isolation and monitoring for symptoms. Testing is underway for all residents and staff.

The Florentine has 38 assisted living beds and 24 long-term care beds. Interior Health is supporting the site as it implements outbreak measures including additional infection control and preventive actions.

To protect the safety of all residents, all visits, except for end of life, will not be permitted at this site until the outbreak is declared over.

Interior Health continues to take steps to protect the health of all staff, individuals in care and families at long-term care homes whether they are privately or publicly operated. 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

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