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## Interior Health declares outbreak at Williams Lake Seniors Village

WILLIAMS LAKE – Interior Health has declared an outbreak in one unit of the long-term section of Williams Lake Seniors Village, with one resident testing positive for COVID-19.

All individuals in close contact with the individual are in self-isolation and monitoring for symptoms. The family of the resident who tested positive for COVID-19 has been contacted directly.

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.

Williams Lake Seniors Village (WLSV) has implemented a temporary stop to visits.

WLSV is privately owned and operated by Retirement Concepts, with 113 publicly funded long-term care beds. It also has assisted and independent living residences, none of which are impacted by the outbreak.

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

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