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Interior Health declares outbreak over at Heritage Retirement Residence

WEST KELOWNA – Interior Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak over at Heritage Retirement Residence in West Kelowna.

“I want to thank the staff for their commitment and dedication during this outbreak,” said Susan Brown, Interior Health president and CEO. “With all the extra precautions, staff continue to ensure the people living there received the best possible care. On behalf of everyone at Interior Health, we send our condolences to the families who lost a loved one during this difficult time.”

An outbreak is declared over when two incubation periods, or 28 days, have passed from the last onset of symptoms in a resident.

“I’m happy to declare another COVID-19 outbreak over,” said Dr. Albert de Villiers, chief medical health officer. “It’s encouraging to have staff and residents at long-term care and assisted living receive their first dose of the vaccine.”

All eligible residents and staff at Heritage Retirement Residence have been offered their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.

There were 46 COVID-19 cases linked to the outbreak at Heritage Retirement Residence: 41 residents and five staff. Sadly, four resident passed away due to their illness.

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

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