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INFORMATION BULLETIN

RE: COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT SUNSET LODGE

August 31, 2021

Island Health's outbreak response has identified additional cases of COVID-19 related to the outbreak declared at Sunset Lodge long-term care home on August 27.

As of August 31, we now have 13 staff and 13 residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. Most cases are isolated to the third floor of the building. At this time, those who tested positive are experiencing mild symptoms.

Sadly, one of our residents in palliative care has passed away due to complications. Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of this individual during this difficult time. Out of respect for the privacy of this person and their family, we will not be sharing any further details.

Communication with residents, families and staff is ongoing and we will continue to update this webpage with information as the situation evolves.

The health and safety of our staff and residents is our number one priority and we are cooperating with Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) and are proactively following all recommended measures.

The following steps are underway as part of our response to the outbreak:

- Positive staff members are isolating at home
- Admissions, transfers and social visits will be on hold while the outbreak is in effect;
- Social visitors will be restricted but essential visits may occur;
- Resident and staff movement is limited;
- Staffing levels will be maintained to provide resident care;
- Mask use and eye protection is required for all staff;
- Enhanced cleaning and infection control measures continue;
- Residents, families and staff are being notified;
- Twice a day screening of all staff and residents continues;
- COVID-19 testing will be done for staff and symptomatic residents.

During this time, Island Health will have additional presence at the site to take any further actions required, support the facility and answer questions from staff, residents, and family members.

If you have questions and or comments, please leave them in the space provided and our staff will respond. For more information about COVID-19, please visit: www.islandhealth.ca/covid19.

Currently, we are deferring all media questions to Vancouver Island Health Authority's media team.

We are committed to the health and safety of our staff and residents, and we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this situation.

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