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Island Health Declares COVID-19 Outbreak Over at Sunset Lodge

September 17, 2021

Island Health has declared the COVID-19 outbreak over at Sunset Lodge long-term care home in Victoria.

With the implementation of comprehensive strategies to prevent and respond to COVID-19, all results from recent rounds of follow-up testing for residents and staff are negative.

Island Health initially declared the outbreak on August 27 after three staff members tested positive for COVID-19. In total, 15 staff cases, 21 resident cases and six resident deaths were attributed to this outbreak. We extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and care staff of those who passed away.

We thank the Island Health team for taking immediate action to assist in our response and for their continuous support throughout the outbreak in order to help protect the health of all our residents and staff as we worked to continue to provide high quality, compassionate care.

With the outbreak now declared over, the following will occur at Sunset Lodge:

- Extensive cleaning, as part of standard end-of-outbreak protocols;
- Social visits will resume on the first and second floor on September 17;
- Social visits will resume on the third floor on September 20;
- Admissions and transfers will resume on September 20;
- Resident movement around the home will resume;
- Diligent infection prevention measures and appropriate use of personal protective equipment will continue.

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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