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INFORMATION BULLETIN

RE: COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT SUNSET LODGE

September 2, 2021

Island Health's outbreak response has identified one additional cases of COVID-19 related to the outbreak declared at Sunset Lodge long-term care home on August 27. The person was identified as a staff member.

In total, 15 staff and 20 residents have tested positive for COVID-19. To date, more than 200 individuals (78 resident tests and 123 staff tests) have had negative results.

Because COVID-19 can have an incubation period spanning multiple days, it is likely that new positive results are a result of transmission that occurred prior to the outbreak being identified.

100 percent of our residents and over 95 percent of our staff at the time of the outbreak were fully vaccinated. As a result, the majority of the residents continue to experience mild or no symptoms.

Extensive control measures remain in place immediately and Island Health's COVID-19 Long-term Care Rapid Response team continues to have a presence to support the site through this outbreak. Island Health's Medical Health Officer is confident that appropriate and effective control measures are in place, and these are being reviewed with the facility on a regular basis. These include:

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

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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