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INFORMATION BULLETIN

RE: COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT SUNSET LODGE

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Island Health's outbreak response has identified one additional case of COVID-19 related to the outbreak declared at Sunset Lodge long-term care home on August 27. In total, 15 staff and 21 residents have tested positive for COVID-19.

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

Sadly, there have been four resident deaths related to this outbreak since August 27. We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of these individuals, and to the staff who continue to provide compassionate care through this difficult time. Out of respect for the privacy of these people and their families, we will not be sharing any further details.

A second round of COVID-19 testing for all staff and residents was recently completed. All other resident test results (more than 80) are negative. All staff results received to date are also negative.

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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