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## **Patient at Norwood tests positive for COVID-19**

June 3, 2020 - After months of diligently following precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to CapitalCare centres in Edmonton and area, we regrettably informed the residents, patients, families, and staff of CapitalCare Norwood yesterday that a patient has tested positive for COVID-19.

This patient is getting the care they need, and we are in close contact with their family and loved ones. The patient is in isolation and droplet/contact precautions are in place. As a precaution, all patients on the floor have been isolated.

[Alberta Health Services](#) is partnering with us to monitor the situation closely. This includes appropriate contact tracing and enhanced outbreak procedures.

Since Day 1 of the COVID-19 outbreak in Alberta, CapitalCare put in place strict Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures including:

- restrictions on admissions and transfers
- rigorous cleaning of high- and low-touch areas
- strict hand hygiene
- restriction of visitors
- screening of all staff, physicians, and essential visitors each time they enter the site. We also screen residents and patients for COVID-19 symptoms a minimum of two times per day.
- physical distancing at all times
- restriction of staff to a single site
- continuous masking and use of personal protective equipment

CapitalCare Norwood is not a typical long-term care centre. Only a quarter of the 205 people currently in our care live here year-round. The majority of patients are receiving short-term treatment in one of our specialized programs including palliative, sub-acute or restorative care.

We are grateful to our hardworking staff who have been working tirelessly around the clock to keep our residents and patients safe. We will continue to do everything we can, in partnership with Alberta Health Services and Public Health, to prevent further spread of COVID-19 across our organization.

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