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Staff at Dickinsfield test positive for COVID-19

CapitalCare Dickinsfield is on facility-wide outbreak after three staff members tested positive for COVID-19 this week. Asymptomatic testing of residents and staff began August 11 and will be completed in the next 24 hours. There are no confirmed cases in any resident at this time. All visitation is cancelled effective today.

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

What we know so far:

- The first staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 last worked at Dickinsfield August 8. The second staff member has not been at the centre since August 6. The third staff member last worked August 13, had no symptoms, and was discovered to be COVID-19 positive during centre asymptomatic swabbing.
- All three staff members are isolating at home and do not present an ongoing risk to the facility.

What are we doing?

- We enacted our comprehensive COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan, and notified residents and families, as soon as we got confirmation of the first COVID-19 positive result August 12.
- Strict contact and droplet precautions are in place. Staff are wearing full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when they are caring for all residents in isolation, including wearing goggles or face shields in all neighbourhoods, taking extra precautions in donning and doffing their PPE when leaving and entering the resident's rooms, and wearing masks and eye protection continuously when in other resident care areas.
- We also have enhanced cleaning in effect, and are continuously cleaning any high-touch or low-touch surfaces.

[CapitalCare Dickinsfield](#) is home to 275 people who need long-term care. We are grateful to our hardworking staff who have been working tirelessly around the clock to keep our residents safe throughout the pandemic. 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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