

Beaverdam outbreak update 3 – Monday, January 3, 2022 *This information is current as of January 3 at 12:30 p.m.*

Hello Beaverdam residents and primary contacts,

I am writing to update you on the current outbreak status at Beaverdam. The GI (gastrointestinal) outbreak continues today with 15 residents now symptomatic. Five residents have recovered from their GI symptoms and have left isolation, but six new cases have arisen in the last two days. We are assisting the affected residents and asking them to isolate in their suites. We are providing meal/tray service and personal care to affected residents.

Please note: AHS has informed us that although we are in a GI Outbreak with no current positive COVID cases among residents or employees, we must continue to swab for COVID-19 when GI symptoms present, as GI symptoms are also on the list of COVID symptoms.

Therefore, AHS will be testing nine new GI symptomatic residents within the next 24 to 48 hours. All family/contacts of the affected residents will be contacted by phone.

Visits are still permitted with non-isolating residents. Visitors and residents must wear masks for the duration of all visits. Visitors must provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination before entering community. If this is not possible, please consider virtual visits instead.

We continue to check in consistently with each resident. All outbreak protocols remain in place; AHS screening procedures continue at the community's entrance and all employees continue to wear personal protective equipment.

Please remind your loved one that all residents must wear medical grade masks, as much as possible, when they are outside of their suite or while another person is inside their suite.

Live with us. Work with us. Invest in us. We will provide another update as soon as possible if any significant changes occur. Otherwise, outbreak updates will be provided on a regular basis until the outbreak is resolved.

If you are a designated primary contact and have questions, you may contact me at <u>tbowen@silvera.ca</u>.

Thank you for your patience and support, Tim Bowen, Community Manager