



**Media Statement – Update on Telfer Place Retirement Residence – Paris
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Brant County Health Unit declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Telfer Place Retirement Residence in Paris on March 30 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. This outbreak does not include Telfer Place Long Term Care Home.

We are working closely with Brant County Health Unit officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Telfer Place, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus.

Staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents are to remain in their suites at all times on contact and droplet precautions. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Telfer Place residents who are eligible and consented to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended while the province is in lockdown, visits from essential caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and we appreciate their patience and understanding as we put these precautions in place for the safety of our residents.

Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our long term care homes and retirement residences.