



**Media Statement – Update on Westside Long Term Care Home – Toronto
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Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 in a portion of Westside Long Term Care Home in Toronto on April 2 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. Since the outbreak was declared three staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Two cases have since resolved and the remaining staff member is in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with Toronto Public Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Westside, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, 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 on the second floor are to remain in their rooms at all times with contact and droplet precautions in place. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation. Residents on other home areas are not affected by this outbreak.

Most Westside residents who consented and were able to be vaccinated have now received one or 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.