



**Media Statement – Update on Baywoods Place Long Term Care Home – Hamilton
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Hamilton Public Health Service has confirmed that 26 residents of Baywoods Place Long Term Care Home in Hamilton have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on November 1. Twenty-one residents have recovered. We regret to confirm that four residents passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Baywoods Place offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away during the outbreak.

Hamilton Public Health also confirmed that 19 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, all 18 staff members have recovered.

We are working closely with Hamilton Public Health officials and following pandemic outbreak protocols and enhanced infection control practices. Residents are isolated to their rooms and are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts, are being cohorted, and are required to wear appropriate masks and eye protection.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Baywoods Place, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms. We are grateful for the hard work of our staff during the outbreak to support our residents affected by COVID-19 on their journey back to better health.

Residents will receive meals in their rooms while allowing staff to provide supervision and assistance as required. Group recreation programs have been replaced by individual activities to maintain social engagement.

We have notified residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak and will continue to update them regularly. Per Public Health direction, all indoor and outdoor visits have been cancelled. Essential caregivers and essential visitors to palliative residents will continue.

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.