



**Media Statement – Update on Baywoods Place Long Term Care Home – Hamilton, ON
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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-two resident cases have resolved. We regret to confirm that four of our residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Baywoods Place offers our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of these residents.

Hamilton Public Health also confirmed that 20 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, all but one of these staff cases have resolved.

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 to work in assigned resident areas, and are required to wear appropriate masks and eye protection while in the home.

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 Group recreation programs have been replaced by individual activities to maintain social engagement.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Per Public Health direction, all general visits have been cancelled. Essential caregivers and essential visitors to palliative residents are 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.