



**Media Statement – Update on Donway Place Retirement Residence – Toronto
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Since the outbreak was declared on December 14, we received confirmation from Toronto Public Health that 56 residents and 25 staff members tested positive for COVID-19. We regret to inform that five residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Donway Place is deeply saddened and offers their most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the residents who passed away.

All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms. Residents are in isolation in their suites. Staff members who have tested positive are in self-isolation at home. We continue to swab residents and staff on the direction of Public Health.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices.

All staff continue to be screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas. All staff continue to be required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

Enhanced cleaning continues at Donway Place. Staffing is higher than normal because of the increased cleaning and serving requirements of pandemic protocols. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Toronto Public Health, all residents continue to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities continue to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We continue to inform the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily. 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. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the 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.



Please note that, as tenants of the Don Mills Seniors' Apartments, residents are not required to share health information with Revera as per the Residential Tenancies Act. Residents will communicate directly with Toronto Public Health regarding their health status. We are continuing enhanced cleaning at Don Mills Seniors' Apartments, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors and common areas frequently.