



**Media Statement – Outbreak at Garden City Manor Long Term Care Home – St. Catharines  
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Niagara Region Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Garden City Manor Long Term Care Home in St. Catharines on November 22 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of staff surveillance testing. As of today, there are six residents and eight staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. The residents are in isolation in their rooms and the staff members are in self-isolation at home. We regret to confirm that one resident has passed away with COVID-19 during the course of the outbreak. The team is devastated and offers its most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the resident who passed away during the pandemic.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms.

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

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Garden City Manor. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, Garden City Manor has been placed under droplet precautions and all residents are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed 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. Essential caregiver visits 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.