



**Media Statement – Update on Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home – Essex
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Windsor-Essex County Health Unit has confirmed that 19 residents of Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence in Essex have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on October 30. 16 resident cases have resolved. It is with heavy hearts that we confirm that three residents of Iler Lodge have passed away with COVID-19. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of these residents, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

Public Health has also confirmed that four staff members had tested positive for COVID-19. As of today all residents and staff have been cleared. We remain in outbreak status at this time and will continue to communicate with public health regarding our rescind date. We will be working diligently on post outbreak recovery plans.

We are working very closely with Windsor-Essex County Health. Enhanced cleaning is being done at Iler Lodge. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, 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.

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.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to essential caregiver visits and essential visits for palliative residents.

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.