



**Media Statement – Update on Kennedy Lodge Long Term Care Home – Scarborough
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Toronto Public Health (TPH) has confirmed that 96 residents of Kennedy Lodge Long Term Care Home in Scarborough have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on October 2. Currently, there are no residents with active cases of COVID-19 at Kennedy Lodge. 57 residents have recovered. We regret that 39 residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Kennedy Lodge offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people we have lost to the pandemic.

TPH also confirmed that 41 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, 39 have resolved, and the remaining 2 staff members remain at home in self-isolation. Surveillance testing on our staff began yesterday and will be completed by end of day today.

TPH Health and Scarborough Health Network (SHN) have been working closely with us to help manage the outbreak. SHN has helped us with enhanced cleaning at Kennedy Lodge and is supporting our infection control and PPE education. Their support is very much appreciated. 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. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

All residents in the home have been asked to self-isolate in their rooms. Meals are served in resident rooms with supervision and assistance as required. To maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation, individual recreation activities continue.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to essential visitors only.

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.