



Media Statement – Update on COVID-19 Outbreak at McGarrell Place Long Term Care Home – London

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Middlesex-London Health Unit has confirmed that there have been no additional cases of COVID-19 at McGarrell Place Long Term Care Home in London since the outbreak was declared on December 18.

Public Health also confirmed that the one staff case of COVID-19 has resolved.

We are working closely with Middlesex-London Health Unit officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at McGarrell Place, 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.

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.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in Ivey Lane and Harris House 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 staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to essential caregivers 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.