Media Statement – Outbreak at The Meadows Long Term Care Home – Ancaster, ON
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Hamilton Public Health Services declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at The Meadows Long Term Care Home in Ancaster on December 16 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is in isolation in their room. All residents will be swabbed, and staff were swabbed earlier this week as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing.

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 The Meadows. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in Panabaker House are to remain in their rooms at all times with contact and droplet precautions in place, and residents in other areas are cohorted to their home areas. 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 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.