



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at The Beechwood Retirement Residence –
Mississauga, ON**

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Peel Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at The Beechwood Retirement Residence in Mississauga on December 28 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. All residents and staff are being tested at the direction of Public Health.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict 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 residence.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at The Beechwood. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident suites, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, the dining room is closed and all residents are asked to remain in their suites at all times, with meals being delivered. Group recreation programming has been replaced by individual activities with residents for social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Visits have been cancelled during the outbreak, with the exception of visits from essential caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents. We appreciate the patience and understanding of residents and their families as we take these precautions.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.