



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at The Village Long Term Care Home – Hanover, ON  
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Grey Bruce Public Health Unit declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at The Village Long Term Care Home in Hanover on December 19 after three staff members tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. These three asymptomatic staff members are in self-isolation in their homes. All residents will be swabbed today 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 where possible and between the long term care and retirement portions of the home. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

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

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in the long term care portion of the home are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits to the long term care portion of the home are cancelled temporarily. Visits from essential caregivers 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.