



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home - Oshawa
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Durham Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home in Oshawa on November 28. Since that time, 89 residents and 63 staff have tested positive for COVID-19. The residents are in isolation in their rooms. The staff members are in self-isolation in their homes. We regret to confirm that 16 residents of ThorntonView have passed away with COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of these residents, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

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 and all staff and residents have been swabbed at the direction of Public Health.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas where possible. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home, and additional personal protective equipment as required.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at ThorntonView. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Durham Public Health, all residents in the home are to remain in their rooms at all times. One on one recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We are informing the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor 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.