



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home - Oshawa  
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As of December 8, Durham Public Health has declared a whole-home outbreak of COVID-19 at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home in Oshawa. Since that time, 79 residents and 49 staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Twenty resident cases have resolved. We regret to confirm that nine residents of ThorntonView have passed away with COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of the people we have lost to the pandemic, and we send them our most heartfelt sympathies.

We are working very closely with Durham Region 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 Region Public Health, all residents in the home are to remain in their rooms at all times. One on one recreation activities continue in order 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.