



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home - Oshawa
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Durham Public Health has confirmed that 92 residents of ThorntonView Long Term Care Home in Oshawa have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on November 28. Of these, 64 resident cases have resolved. We regret to confirm that 20 residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away.

Durham Public Health also confirmed that 66 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. 31 of these cases have resolved, and the remaining staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Durham Public Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus. 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.

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 regularly updating residents, their families and the staff on 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.