

**Media Statement – COVID-19 Update at Winbourne Park Long Term Care Home – Ajax
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Durham Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Winbourne Park Long Term Care Home in Ajax on December 5 and in the Westney home area on December 16. Since the outbreak began, three staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members are in self-isolation at home. All residents and staff have been swabbed at the direction of Public Health.

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.

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 home.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Winbourne Park. 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 Lakeridge, Harwood and Westney areas 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 have informed 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.