



**Media Statement – Update on Garden City Manor Long Term Care Home – St. Catharines
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Niagara Region Public Health has confirmed that 28 residents of Garden City Manor Long Term Care Home in St. Catharines have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on November 22. Of these, 13 resident cases have resolved. We regret to confirm that four residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Garden City Manor Long Term Care Home offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away.

Niagara Region Public Health also confirmed that 36 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. 25 of these cases have resolved, and the remaining staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Niagara Region Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Garden City Manor 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 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.

All residents in the home have been asked to self-isolate in their rooms. Meals are served in resident rooms with supervision and assistance as required. To maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation, individual recreation activities continue.

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.