



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at The Westwood Retirement Residence – Ottawa
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Ottawa Public Health has declared an outbreak at The Westwood retirement residence after three residents and two third-party care providers tested positive for COVID-19.

We are working closely with Ottawa Public Health officials to implement pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Residents are monitored for symptoms daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear a surgical mask in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at The Westwood, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

To promote physical distancing, residents on the affected floor are being served meals in their rooms, and group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak.

Residents at The Westwood who have consented, and are able to be vaccinated, have received their booster shot. All Revera staff are fully vaccinated and booster shots are underway.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.