



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Westney Gardens Retirement Residence – Ajax  
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Durham Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Westney Gardens Retirement Residence in Ajax on December 24 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19.

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

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

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 Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

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

Residents at Westney Gardens 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.