



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Burloak Long Term Care Home – Burlington  
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Halton Region Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Burloak Long Term Care Home in Burlington on February 20 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. All residents on the affected home area will be swabbed at the direction of Public Health.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict 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 Burloak. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in the Zimmerman home area are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation. The remainder of the home is on heightened surveillance, with residents cohorted to their respective home areas.

All Burloak residents who were eligible and consented to be vaccinated have now received their first and second doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We have informed residents, their families and staff of the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended while the region is in the Red/Control level of the province's COVID-19 framework, visits from essential caregivers 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.