



**Media Statement – Outbreak over at Columbia Forest Long Term Care Home – Waterloo
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We received notice today from Region of Waterloo Public Health that the COVID-19 outbreak at Columbia Forest Long Term Care Home in Waterloo is over. The outbreak was declared on December 31, 2020. During this outbreak, three residents and 14 staff members tested positive for COVID-19. All cases have now resolved.

We appreciate the support of Region of Waterloo Public Health, our residents and families and the local community as we worked to control the spread of COVID-19 in the home.

We can assure you that we are not letting our guard down now that this outbreak is over. We will maintain our vigilance, monitoring residents and screening staff and visitors for symptoms. Staff will continue to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection at all times.

All residents at Columbia Forest who consented to or were able to be vaccinated have now received their second dose. Staff vaccinations are on-going.

We are in the process of reaching out to the families of residents to inform them that the outbreak has been declared over.

Revera will continue 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.