



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Elginwood Long Term Care Home – Richmond Hill
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York Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Elginwood Long Term Care Home in Richmond Hill on February 27 after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. As a precaution, York Region Public health has asked that all staff, residents and essential caregivers undergo testing for COVID-19.

We are working very closely with York 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 Elginwood. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Elginwood residents, who have provided consent and are able to be vaccinated, have now received their second dose. Vaccinations for staff are also underway.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended while the province is in lockdown, 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.