



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Hillside Manor Long Term Care Home – Stratford
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Huron Perth Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Hillside Manor Long Term Care Home in Stratford on February 3. Since the outbreak was declared one staff member and one resident have tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is in isolation in the home and the staff member is in self-isolation at home.

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. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Hillside Manor. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, 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 Hillside Manor residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received their first doses. Second dose will be completed on February 11. Staff vaccinations are ongoing.

We 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.