



**Media Statement –Outbreak at Kennedy Lodge Long Term Care Home – Scarborough
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Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 on the main floor of Kennedy Lodge Long Term Care Home in Scarborough on January 7 after one resident and two staff members tested positive for COVID-19 as a result of whole-home testing.

Since the outbreak was declared, 14 residents and eight staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Twelve residents and all eight staff members have since recovered. We regret to confirm that two residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Kennedy Lodge offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people who passed away.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and Scarborough Health Network 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 Kennedy Lodge. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Toronto Public Health, all residents on the main floor are to remain on their units. Meals are being delivered to resident rooms with assistance and supervision as required. Residents in the affected units have been placed in isolation on contact/droplet precautions in private rooms. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Kennedy Lodge residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated will be receiving their second dose today and tomorrow. Vaccinations for staff are on-going.

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

