



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at ReachView Village Long Term Care Home –
Uxbridge - Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Durham Region Public Health had previously declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at ReachView Village Long Term Care in Uxbridge on January 29 after a staff member was thought to have tested positive for COVID-19, as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. After review and retesting of swabs, Durham Region Public Health has officially rescinded the outbreak at ReachView Village, noting the swab was a false positive.

The staff member, who has been self-isolating at home, is now able to return to work.

We continue to work 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 ReachView Village. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

As the outbreak was declared over by Durham Region Public Health, residents of ReachView Village no longer have to remain in their rooms. Unfortunately, now that a lock down is in effect in the Province of Ontario, ReachView Village Long Term Care will only have virtual visits and window visits at this time. Approved essential caregivers are still able to come into the home.

Individual recreation activities will continue so we can maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the new status that there is no outbreak. 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.

