



Media Statement – Update on Riverbend Place Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence – Cambridge

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Region of Waterloo Public Health has confirmed that four staff members of Riverbend Place Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence in Cambridge have tested positive for COVID19 since the outbreak began on January 30. Three staff members have since recovered and the remaining staff member is at home in isolation.

We are working closely with Region of Waterloo Public Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Riverbend Place Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection while in the home.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in both retirement and long term care are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation. Meals are served in resident rooms with supervision and assistance, as required. To maintain stimulation and social engagement during this period of isolation, individual recreation activities continue.

All Riverbend Place residents, who have consented and were able to be vaccinated, have now received their second dose. Vaccinations for staff and essential caregivers are also underway; most have received their first dose, and many have also received their second dose.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to essential caregivers and essential visits for palliative residents.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and we appreciate their patience and understanding as we put these precautions in place for the safety of our 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.

