



**Media Statement – Update on The Meadows Long Term Care Home – Ancaster
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Hamilton Public Health Services has confirmed that 31 residents of The Meadows Long Term Care Home in Ancaster have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 16. Twenty-two of these resident cases have now resolved. We regret to confirm that nine residents of The Meadows have passed away with COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Our team offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people we have lost to the pandemic.

Hamilton Public Health Services also confirmed that 20 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Nineteen staff members have recovered and the remaining staff member is at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Hamilton Public Health Services to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at The Meadows, 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.

All residents in the home have been asked to self-isolate in their rooms with contact and droplet precautions in place. 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 residents at The Meadows who consented to or were able to be vaccinated have now received their second dose. Staff vaccinations are on-going.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the 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.