



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at 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-one of these resident cases have now resolved and there remains one active resident case. 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. Eighteen staff members have recovered, and the remaining two staff members are 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 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. We complete weekly surveillance testing of our staff on Mondays and Tuesdays. We continue to test residents if they show signs through our twice daily assessments.

All residents are to remain in their rooms at all times with contact and droplet precautions in place. All residents of The Meadows who have consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received their first dose. Vaccinations for staff are on-going.

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.

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.

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.