



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Update on outbreak at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home – Oshawa**

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Durham Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Pinegrove and Rose Garden units at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home in Oshawa on January 31 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff member is in self-isolation at home.

We are working very 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 ThorntonView. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents from Pinegrove and Rose Garden are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

ThorntonView residents who have consented to and are able to be vaccinated have received their first dose. Vaccinations for staff are also underway.

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