



**Media Statement – Update on Burloak Long Term Care Home – Burlington
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Halton Region Public Health have confirmed that one resident of Burloak Long Term Care Home in Burlington has tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 8, 2020. That resident has since recovered.

Halton Region Public Health also confirmed that nine staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Seven of these cases have resolved, and the remaining staff members are at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Halton Region Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Burloak, 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 Halton Region Public Health, all residents are to remain in their rooms at all times with meals 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 Burloak residents who have consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received their first dose. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

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.

