



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Elmwood Place Long Term Care Home – London  
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Middlesex-London Health Unit declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Elmwood Place Long Term Care Home in London on January 11 after one asymptomatic staff member tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff member has since recovered. At the direction of Public Health, all staff and residents were tested last week. All tests came back negative.

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 wherever possible. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Elmwood Place. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are to remain in their rooms at all times with contact/droplet precautions in place. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

At the direction of Public Health, all Elmwood residents who have consented to and are able to be vaccinated will begin receiving their first dose this week. Vaccinations for staff are on-going.

We have informed residents, their families and 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.