



**Media Statement – Outbreak over at Forest Heights Long Term Care Home – Kitchener
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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We received notice today from Region of Waterloo Public Health that the COVID-19 outbreak at Forest Heights Long Term Care Home in Kitchener is over. The outbreak was declared on December 25, 2020 after five staff members tested positive for COVID-19. All cases have resolved.

We appreciate the support of Region of Waterloo Public Health, our residents and families and the local community as we worked to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the home.

We can assure you that we are not letting our guard down now that this outbreak is over. We will maintain our vigilance, monitoring residents and screening staff and visitors for symptoms. Staff will continue to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection at all times.

We are in the process of reaching out to the families of residents to inform them that the outbreak has been declared over and that no residents were affected.

All Forest Heights residents who consented to and were able to be vaccinated have now received their first dose. Second doses will be administered in the coming week. Vaccinations for staff are also underway.

Revera will continue 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.