



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence – Toronto
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Since the outbreak was declared on November 11, we received confirmation that 34 residents, 11 staff and 30 third-party care providers and agency staff tested positive for COVID-19. Cases for 28 residents, 11 staff and 30 third-party care providers have been resolved. We regret to inform that we've had five residents pass away with COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared. The team at Forest Hill Place offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away during the pandemic.

We continue to work closely with Toronto Public Health officials and are following our pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Residents are isolated in their rooms and monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We continue to do enhanced cleaning at Forest Hill Place, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

To promote physical distancing, residents are being served meals in their rooms.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Visits have been cancelled during the outbreak, except for essential caregivers. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions. After the outbreak is resolved, we will notify families as soon as we are able to resume visits.

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 retirement residences and long term care homes.