



**Media Statement – Update on Fosterbrooke Long Term Care Home – Newcastle**  
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On December 10, Durham Region Public Health declared a respiratory outbreak (enterovirus) at Fosterbrooke Long Term Care Home in Newcastle. On December 26, the outbreak was revised to include COVID-19 after one staff member tested positive for the virus. Public Health has also confirmed that the one staff member case has resolved.

We are continuing to work closely with Durham Region Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Fosterbrooke, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, 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.

All residents in the home have been asked to self-isolate in their rooms. Meals are 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.

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.