



**Media Statement – Update on Harold and Grace Baker Centre Long Term Care Home –
Toronto**

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Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at the Harold and Grace Baker Centre Long Term Care Home in Toronto on January 16, 2021. To date, eight residents and eight staff members tested positive for COVID-19. No residents of the Retirement Residence are affected. Only the Long Term Care Home has been put into outbreak status. The Long Term Care Home residents are in isolation in their rooms. The staff members are in self-isolation at home. All residents and staff will be swabbed at the direction of Public Health.

We are working closely with Toronto Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at the Harold and Grace Baker Centre, 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.

All long term care 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.

Vaccinations have begun at the Harold and Grace Baker Centre. All residents, who have provided consent and are able to be vaccinated, are now receiving vaccinations. 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.

