



**Media Statement – Update on Kingsway Retirement Residence – Etobicoke
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Toronto Public Health has confirmed that two residents of Kingsway Retirement Residence in Etobicoke have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 11. Both resident cases have resolved. One staff member, who originally tested positive, subsequently tested negative and is returning to work, having been cleared by Toronto Public Health.

Toronto Public Health also confirmed that one staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member remains at home in self-isolation.

We continue to work closely with Toronto Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Kingsway Retirement Residence, 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 residence.

All residents in the residence 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 continuing to regularly update 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.