



Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Riverbend Place Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence – Cambridge

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Region of Waterloo Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Riverbend Place Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence in Cambridge on January 29 after three staff members tested positive for COVID-19 as part of ongoing staff surveillance testing. The staff members are in self-isolation at home. Residents who may have had close contact with the affected staff members have been swabbed at the direction of Public Health.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home and residence. Enhanced cleaning is being done at Riverbend Place. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in both Retirement and Long Term Care are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Riverbend Place residents who have consented and were able to be vaccinated have now received their first dose, with a second dose scheduled for next week. Vaccinations for staff and essential caregivers are also underway; most have received their first dose, and many have also received their second dose.

We have informed residents, their families and staff of the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended while the province is in lockdown, visits from essential caregivers may continue if necessary, and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families. We appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the 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.