



**Media Statement – Update on The Meadows Long Term Care Home – Ancaster
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Hamilton Public Health Services has confirmed that 16 residents of The Meadows Long Term Care Home in Ancaster have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on December 16. Of these, 3 resident cases have resolved.

Hamilton Public Health Services also confirmed that seven staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Hamilton Public Health Services to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at The Meadows, frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

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. We complete weekly surveillance testing of our staff on Mondays and Tuesdays. We continue to test residents if they show signs through our twice daily assessments.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in Panabaker House continue to remain in their rooms at all times with contact and droplet precautions in place, and residents in other areas are cohorted to their home areas. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

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.