



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at ThorntonView Long Term Care Home - Oshawa
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Durham Public Health has confirmed that 92 residents of ThorntonView Long Term Care Home in Oshawa have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on November 28. There are currently no residents with active cases of COVID-19. We regret to confirm that 24 residents of ThorntonView have passed away with COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Our team offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people who passed away.

Public Health also confirmed that 69 staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Forty-two of these cases have resolved, and the remaining staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms 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 and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas where possible. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home, and additional personal protective equipment as required.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at ThorntonView. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Durham Public Health, all residents in the home are to remain in their rooms at all times. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff of 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.