



**Media Statement – Update on Valley Stream Retirement Residence – Nepean
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Ottawa Public Health has confirmed that 51 residents of Valley Stream Retirement Residence have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on January 2. Of these, 13 resident cases have resolved. We regret to confirm that 10 residents have passed away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at Valley Stream offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away.

Ottawa Public Health also confirmed that 27 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. 10 of these cases have resolved, and the remaining staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with Ottawa Public Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Valley Stream, 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 staff members were tested on January 19.

All 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.

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.

