



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Westside Long Term Care Home – Toronto
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Westside Long Term Care Home in Toronto, has been battling an extremely challenging outbreak of COVID-19. Our first priority is the health and well-being of our residents and staff. Under the Ministry's mandatory management order, UniversalCare Canada Inc. is providing temporary management support for the home.

Since Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Westside Long Term Care Home in Toronto on November 12, a total of 149 residents and 154 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, there are eight residents and 17 staff members with active cases of COVID-19. The residents are in isolation in their rooms. The staff members are in self-isolation at home. It is with tremendous sadness that we confirm that 41 residents have passed away from COVID-19 since the outbreak began. We offer our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people we have lost to the pandemic.

We continue to work very closely with Public Health officials and are following 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.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Westside. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms. One on one recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We are keeping the residents, their families and the staff up to date on the status of the outbreak.

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.