



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Oak Terrace Long Term Care Home – Orillia
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Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Oak Terrace Long Term Care Home in Orillia on July 30, 2021 after two staff members tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members are in self-isolation at home.

At the direction of SMDHU, all residents and staff of the affected home area have been tested and the residents are in isolation. There are no positive resident cases to date.

We are working very closely with SMDHU 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 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 Oak Terrace. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms. The dining room is closed and residents will receive tray service in their rooms. Group recreation programs are temporarily suspended, with one-on-one activities in place for resident engagement.

Most Oak Terrace residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have received both doses. Most staff have received their first dose and second shots for staff are well underway.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, indoor general visits are cancelled temporarily. Visits from designated essential caregivers 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.