



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Elginwood Long Term Care Home – Richmond Hill
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York Region Public Health has confirmed that four residents of Elginwood Long Term Care Home in Richmond Hill have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on February 27. One resident case has since resolved, and the remaining three residents are in isolation.

Public Health also confirmed that seven staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Four of these cases have since resolved, and the other staff members remain at home in self-isolation.

We are working very closely with York Public Health 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 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 Elginwood. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

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

All Elginwood residents, who have provided consent and are able to be vaccinated, have now received their second dose. Vaccinations for staff are also underway.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended while the province is in lockdown, visits from 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.

