



**Media Statement – Update on Elginwood Long Term Care Home – Richmond Hill
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York Region Public Health has confirmed that one resident of Elginwood Long Term Care Home in Richmond Hill has tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on February 27.

Public Health also confirmed that one staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. This person remains at home in self-isolation.

We are working closely with York Region Public Health officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Elginwood, 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.

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.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents in the home have been asked to remain in their rooms at all times. 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.

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

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. Visits are currently 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.