



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Longfields Manor Long Term Care Home – Ottawa
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Ottawa Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Longfields Manor Long Term Care Home in Ottawa on March 24 after one resident tested positive for COVID-19. At the direction of Ottawa Public Health, all residents and staff will be tested between today, March 24, and tomorrow, March 25.

We are working very closely with 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 Longfields Manor. 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.

Most Longfields Manor residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received both doses. The remaining residents will receive their second dose in the coming weeks. Vaccinations for staff are ongoing.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of public health, all visits are cancelled. 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.