



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Riverbend Place Retirement Residence –
Cambridge**

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Region of Waterloo Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 on the third floor of Riverbend Place Retirement Residence in Cambridge on March 26 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. This case has since resolved. Please note, this is not related to the outbreak at Riverbend Place Long Term Care Home.

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 Riverbend Place. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

At the direction of Public Health, all residents on the third floor 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 Riverbend Retirement residents who consent to and are able to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Staff vaccinations are ongoing.

We are informing 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 designated visitors 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 retirement residences and long term care homes.