



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Baywoods Place Long Term Care Home – Hamilton
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Hamilton Public Health Service declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Baywoods Place Long Term Care Home in Hamilton on May 26 after two staff members tested positive for COVID-19. Both staff members are in self-isolation at home. At the direction of public health, all residents and staff will be tested.

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 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 Baywoods Place. 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 Baywoods Place residents who consented to and are able to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are informing the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of public health, general visits are cancelled temporarily, however 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.