



**Media Statement – Update on Northridge Long Term Care Home – Oakville
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Halton Region Health Department has confirmed that two staff members, an essential caregiver and a resident tested positive for COVID-19 at Northridge Long Term Care Home in Oakville have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began on May 15. One of the staff cases have since resolved. The remaining staff member is in self isolation at home and the resident is in isolation in the home.

We are working closely with Halton Region Health Department officials and are maintaining pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. We are doing enhanced cleaning at Northridge, 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 on Trafalgar House are to remain in their rooms at all times with contact and droplet precautions in place. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

All Northridge residents who wished to be vaccinated have now received both doses. Vaccinations for staff are underway.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and staff on the status of the outbreak. Although general visits are suspended while the province is under a stay-at-home order, 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 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.