



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Northridge Long Term Care Home – Oakville
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Halton Region Health Department declared an outbreak of COVID-19 on Trafalgar House at Northridge Long Term Care Home in Oakville on May 15 after two staff members, an essential caregiver and a resident tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members are in self-isolation at 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 and anyone who shows symptoms will be tested for COVID-19.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas wherever possible. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home. Staff are tested via rapid antigen testing three times each week as part of ongoing asymptomatic surveillance testing.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Northridge. We frequently disinfect high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, common areas and staff rooms.

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 have informed residents, their families and the staff of 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. 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.