



**Media Statement – Update on Barrhaven Retirement Residence - Ottawa  
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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We received confirmation today that one staff member of Barrhaven Retirement Residence in Ottawa tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member who tested positive is in self-isolation at home.

We are working closely with public health officials and are following strict infection control practices. All staff providing care for residents in isolation (positive or symptomatic) must wear full personal protective equipment (PPE) which includes a mask, face shield, gloves and gown. All staff have been directed to wear a surgical mask in the home at all times.

We continue to do enhanced cleaning at Barrhaven. High touch areas like doors and handrails, common areas and staff rooms are receiving more frequent cleaning.

To promote physical distancing, residents are being served their meals in their suites. Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

We have informed the residents, their families and our staff of the outbreak. We will continue to reach out to all families of residents as often as possible to provide updates on their loved ones during this time of physical isolation.

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.