



Media Statement – Update on COVID-19 outbreak at Briarfield Gardens Retirement Residence - Kitchener
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On April 13, we received confirmation from Region of Waterloo Public Health that one staff member at Briarfield Gardens Retirement Residence in Kitchener tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member remains in isolation at home. No residents have tested positive.

We are working closely with Region of Waterloo Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored closely for symptoms and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. Staff providing care for residents in isolation (positive or symptomatic) wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) which includes a mask, face shield, gloves and gown. All staff are required to wear a surgical mask in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Briarfield Gardens, cleaning high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas, and staff rooms more frequently.

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 Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.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 and their families and are providing updates to families 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 and long term care homes.