



**Media Statement – COVID-19 outbreak at Grand Wood Park Retirement Residence - London  
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Yesterday, we learned from Middlesex-London Health Unit that 14 residents of Grand Wood Park Retirement Residence in London have tested positive for COVID-19. In addition to the first two residents, whose positive results were received March 31, there are now a total of 16 residents and 2 staff members with confirmed positive tests for COVID-19.

These test results follow the Government of Ontario’s new testing guidelines for COVID-19 that allow for testing of whole homes or specific areas of retirement residences experiencing an outbreak.

Middlesex-London Health Unit applied the new guidelines to Grand Wood Park, testing 45 residents living in the same area as the original positive cases. The residents were tested whether or not they had respiratory symptoms. Some of the 14 residents who tested positive are asymptomatic. The remaining 39 residents will be swabbed today and we expect the results next week.

Revera appreciates the Middlesex-London Health Unit’s proactive ‘whole residence’ approach to COVID-19 testing. Knowing which residents have tested positive, even if they don’t yet have symptoms, allows us to provide the affected residents with closer monitoring and appropriate care.

We will continue to work closely with public health officials, and to implement pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All staff providing care for residents in isolation must wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes a mask, face shield, gloves and gown. Staff in all areas of the residence wear surgical masks at all times.

We continue to do enhanced cleaning at Grand Wood Park. High touch surfaces, common areas and resident suites are being disinfected using a Clorox 360 Disinfectant Cleaner system.

To promote physical distancing, residents have been served their meals in their rooms and group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities since the outbreak began.



We are updating residents, their families and the staff on the status 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 long term care homes and retirement residences.