Media Statement - Update on Harold and Grace Baker Centre – Toronto, Ontario
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At Harold and Grace Baker Centre in Toronto, 51 residents - 4 residents in retirement and 47 in the long term care - have tested positive for COVID-19.

To date, a total of 14 residents at Harold and Grace Baker Centre have passed away with COVID-19. We offer our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people we have lost to this pandemic.

To date, 21 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, 12 staff members have recovered; the remaining staff members are in isolation at home. (Note: the total number of staff testing positive has been corrected from a previous statement).

We are working closely with Toronto Public Health 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 shift. All staff providing care for residents in isolation (positive or symptomatic) must 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 continue to do enhanced cleaning at Harold and Grace Baker Centre, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas, and staff rooms more frequently.

We have adjusted our mealtime and recreation activities to promote physical distancing. All residents are served meals in their rooms. Group recreation programs have been replaced by one-on-one activities to maintain social engagement.

We 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.