



**Media Statement – Update on Humber Valley Terrace Long Term Care Home - Etobicoke
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We have received confirmation from Toronto Public Health, after tests were completed on all residents of Humber Valley Terrace Long Term Care Home in Etobicoke, that a total of 107 residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and 22 residents have recovered.

We regret to confirm that 22 residents of Humber Valley Terrace have passed away with COVID-19 since the outbreak began. The team at Humber Valley Terrace is heartbroken and offers our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the people we have lost to this pandemic.

Since the outbreak began, 35 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and 15 have recovered. The rest of the staff members are at home in isolation.

Working in partnership with Toronto Public Health and William Osler Health System, the team at Humber Valley Terrace moved 23 residents to Osler's Etobicoke General Hospital and Brampton Civic Hospital sites over the weekend. Moving COVID-19 positive residents temporarily to the hospitals will allow a better outbreak response, including more efficient isolation of residents and better cohorting of residents and staff (separating residents who test positive and negative and assigning staff to specific units accordingly). The residents are in isolation except for 9 residents who have recovered and those who were moved to hospitals.

The decision to move some residents to the hospital demonstrates the high level of professional collaboration that exists in our local healthcare system. This will also provide some relief for staff who have been working long hours since the beginning of the outbreak to cover for their colleagues who tested positive and are in isolation at home.

We are working closely with Toronto Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection prevention and control (IPAC) practices.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms and all staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shift. 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 are doing enhanced cleaning at Humber Valley Terrace, disinfecting 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 rooms and group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities for residents for social engagement.

We are reaching 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.