



**Media Statement – Update on Kingsway Retirement Residence - Etobicoke
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On April 30 we received confirmation that one resident of Kingsway Retirement Residence in Etobicoke has tested positive for COVID-19. Since then, at the direction of Toronto Public Health, we completed ‘whole home’ testing for all the residents and staff at Kingsway. To date, 18 residents and 3 staff members have tested positive.

The team at Kingsway offer our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of three residents who passed away with COVID-19.

We are working closely with Toronto 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 Kingsway, 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 suites. Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.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 retirement residences and long term care homes.