



**Media Statement – Update on Leaside Retirement Residence - Toronto
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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Since the outbreak was declared on May 6, two staff members of Leaside Retirement Residence in Toronto have tested positive for COVID-19. The staff members are in self-isolation at home.

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 Leaside, 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. To maintain social engagement, recreation programming is being conducted in small groups by staff responsible for ensuring physical distancing of the participants.

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.