



**Media Statement – Outbreak declared at Telfer Place Long Term Care Home – Paris, ON
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On April 25 we received confirmation that a resident of Telfer Place Long Term Care Home in Paris, Ontario has tested positive for COVID-19. All residents in long term care have been placed in isolation in their rooms. This outbreak does not affect Telfer Place Retirement Residence.

We are working closely with Brant County Health Unit 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 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 are doing enhanced cleaning at Telfer Place, 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 Group recreation programs have been replaced by one-on-one activities to maintain social engagement.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 are in the process of notifying the residents, their families and our staff about 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.