



**Media Statement – Outbreak declared at The Annex Retirement Residence - Toronto
- Dr. Rhonda Collins, Chief Medical Officer, Revera**

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We received confirmation on May 8 that one staff member of The Annex Retirement Residence in Toronto tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member who tested positive is in self-isolation at home.

At the request of The Annex, Toronto Public Health assigned a team from Mount Sinai Hospital to do ‘whole home’ testing for all residents and staff on May 7. On May 8, a positive test result was returned for the staff member, who is asymptomatic and at home in self-isolation.

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 and essential visitors are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts, including taking of temperatures to detect fever. Staff providing care for residents in isolation for any respiratory symptoms 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 The Annex, 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 Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.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 the 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.