



**Media Statement – Update on ThorntonView Long Term Care Home – Oshawa
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We received confirmation on May 12 that one resident of ThorntonView Long Term Care Home in Oshawa has tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is in isolation in their room. The positive result was discovered after whole home testing for COVID-19 was completed over the past week for all residents and staff at the direction of Durham Region Public Health. We will monitor the results as they come in for other possible cases.

We are working with Public Health and have implemented 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. Staff are required to wear a surgical mask in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at ThorntonView, 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. Residents in isolation are served meals in their rooms. We have also structured our dining service to maximize physical distancing during mealtime, while allowing the staff to provide supervision and assistance as required. Group recreation programs have been replaced by very small group, or one-on-one activities to maintain social engagement.

We have notified the residents, their families and the staff and will reach out to 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.