



Media Statement – Outbreak at Harold and Grace Baker Centre - Toronto
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Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Harold and Grace Baker Centre in Toronto on November 18 after two residents in the Retirement Residence tested positive for COVID-19. No residents of the Long Term Care Home are affected. Only the Retirement Residence has been put into outbreak status as a precaution.

We are working very closely with Toronto Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All Retirement Home residents are isolated in their rooms and are monitored three times daily for symptoms. All retirement living residents and staff are being tested at Public Health's direction. Heightened surveillance is in place for long term care residents.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in the home and are being cohorted to specific home areas.

We appreciate the assistance of Humber River Hospital, which sent an infection prevention and control (IPAC) specialist to the Centre to review and support IPAC practices.

Enhanced cleaning is being done at Harold and Grace Baker Centre. We are disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

Meals will be served in rooms with supervision and assistance as required. Individual recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Essential caregiver visits are temporarily on hold, at the direction of Public Health, in the Retirement Residence. Essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

We recognize how difficult these measures are for residents and their families and we appreciate the patience and understanding of families as we put these precautions in place for the safety of the residents.

Revera is doing 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.