



**Media Statement – Update on Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home – Essex
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Windsor-Essex County Health Unit has confirmed that 19 residents and four staff members of Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home and Retirement Residence in Essex, Ontario have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak was declared on October 30. Fifteen resident cases and one staff case at Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home have resolved. It is with heavy hearts that we confirm that one resident of Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home has passed away with COVID-19. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of this resident, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

Second floor residents of Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home remain in isolation in their rooms. The staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 are in self-isolation at home.

We are working very closely with Windsor-Essex County Health officials to maintain pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Enhanced cleaning is being done at Iler Lodge. We are frequently disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms.

All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily and are tested if they present any potential signs or symptoms of the virus.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are being cohorted to work in assigned resident areas. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

One on one recreation activities continue for residents on the second floor to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation. This includes, but is not limited to, facetime visits with residents and loved ones.

We are regularly updating residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, visits are restricted to essential caregiver visits and essential visits for palliative residents.

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

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.