



**Media Statement – Update on Iler Lodge Long Term Care Home – Essex  
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Windsor-Essex County Health Unit has confirmed that 18 residents 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. Six resident cases have resolved, and it is with heavy hearts that we confirm that one resident of Iler Lodge has passed away with COVID-19. Our team grieves alongside the families and friends of this resident, and we send them our heartfelt sympathies.

Public Health has also confirmed that one staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. This person is 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.

All residents on the second floor of the long term care home have been placed in isolation and are to remain in their rooms. One on one recreation activities will be continued for these residents to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

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.