



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at Westside Long Term Care Home – Toronto
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Toronto Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Westside Long Term Care Home in Toronto on the evening of November 12. As of today, a total of 59 residents and 23 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 since the outbreak began. The residents are in isolation in their rooms. The staff members are in self-isolation at home. Additionally, all other residents and staff are being tested at the direction of Public Health. It is with great sadness that we report that two residents have died from COVID-19 since the outbreak began. Our hearts and sympathy go out to their families, friends and community.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored twice daily for symptoms.

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.

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

At the direction of Toronto Public Health, all residents of Westside are to remain in their rooms at all times. One on one recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement during this period of isolation.

We have informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, all indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily. Essential caregiver visits and essential visits for palliative residents will be permitted.

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