



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Elginwood Long Term Care Home – Richmond Hill  
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York Region Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Elginwood Long Term Care Home in Richmond Hill on October 19 after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Subsequently, a second, unrelated asymptomatic staff case was discovered through all-staff surveillance testing.

We are working very closely with Public Health officials and are following strict 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, with contact droplet precautions when entering resident rooms.

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

At the direction of Public Health, all residents 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 are informing the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Public Health, indoor and outdoor visits are cancelled temporarily.

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.