



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Hillside Manor Long Term Care Home – Stratford  
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Huron Perth Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Hillside Manor Long Term Care Home in Stratford on October 16 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home and we are closely monitoring all residents who were seen by this staff member for signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

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 working in separate cohorts as much as possible. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

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

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 and 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.