



**Media Statement – Outbreak at Kennedy Lodge Long Term Care Home – Scarborough  
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We received confirmation from Toronto Public Health on October 2 that an outbreak has been declared at Kennedy Lodge Long Term Care Home in Scarborough after two asymptomatic staff members tested positive for COVID-19 as a result of ongoing staff surveillance testing. They are at home in self-isolation.

The outbreak status applies to the 2-North home area and the residents of the 2-North have been isolated in their rooms as a precaution. All residents in the home will be tested this week for COVID-19 at the direction of Public Health.

We are working closely with Toronto Public Health officials and are following pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. All residents are monitored closely for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the home.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at Kennedy Lodge, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms more frequently.

As a precaution, residents of 2-North are staying in their room for meals and they are all in contact droplet precautions (staff providing care wear full PPE – mask, eye protection, gloves and gown). All residents of 2-North are asymptomatic. Group recreation programs have been replaced by activities contained to each floor to maintain social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. Per Public Health direction, all indoor and outdoor visits have been cancelled. Essential caregivers and essential visitors to palliative residents will continue.

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.