



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Longfields Manor Long Term Care Home – Ottawa
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Ottawa Public Health (OPH) declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Longfields Manor Long Term Care Home in Ottawa on October 5 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home. All residents and staff will be swabbed at the direction of OPH.

We are working very closely with Ottawa 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 a surgical mask and eye protection in the home.

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

At the direction of Ottawa Public Health, all residents are to remain in their rooms at all times. Meals will be served in rooms with supervision and assistance as required. One on one recreation activities will be continued to maintain social engagement.

We informed the residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak last evening. 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 apologize for the inconvenience of these measures and we appreciate the patience and understanding of the residents' 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.