



**Media Statement – COVID-19 outbreak at McGarrell Place Long Term Care Home – London
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We received confirmation from Middlesex-London Health Unit on October 10 that an outbreak has been declared at McGarrell Place Long Term Care Home in London after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The employee is at home in self-isolation. No residents have tested positive or have symptoms to date.

We are working closely with Public Health officials from Middlesex-London Health Unit 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 McGarrell Place, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms more frequently.

We have structured our dining service to maximize physical distancing during mealtime while allowing the staff to provide supervision and assistance as required. Group recreation programs have been replaced by activities contained to each floor to maintain social engagement.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 visits 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.