



**Media Statement – COVID-19 Outbreak at Montfort Long Term Care Home – Ottawa
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Ottawa Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Montfort Long Term Care Home in Ottawa on October 19 after one staff member tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is in self-isolation at home.

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. Residents who show symptoms will be placed in isolation and full droplet precautions will be taken when providing care to these residents.

All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts. All staff are required to wear an appropriate mask and eye protection in the home.

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

At the direction of Ottawa Public Health, all residents in the home 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 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, all indoor and outdoor visits are on hold. 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.