



**Media Statement – COVID-19 outbreak at Northridge Long Term Care Home – Oakville
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On October 13, Halton Region Public Health declared an outbreak at Northridge Long Term Care Home in Oakville after one resident tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is in isolation along with all the other residents of their home area, Post House, at the direction of Public Health.

We are working closely with Halton Region 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 Northridge, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms more frequently.

Residents whose home area is in isolation will receive meals in their rooms. Other residents will continue to eat in dining rooms restructured for physical distancing, allowing 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 Group recreation programs have been replaced by activities contained to each floor to maintain social engagement.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 Halton Region Public Health direction, all indoor and outdoor visits have been cancelled during the outbreak. 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.